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STOAKLEY, CAMBRIDGE.

Africa. [East]

Oct 24th. 1907. to March 18th 1908.

National Bank of India.
Mombasa.

National Bank of Egypt
Cairo. (Feb 1st 1908.)

Deutsche-Ost-Afrika-Linie.
Ellis, Kisling Mary & Co.
4. St Mary Axe. E.C.

Lawn & Alder.
1. Bracklev St
Golden Lane. E.C.

J. Fr. McLellan
Naivasha.

T. W. Religan
Nyeri.

T. Fritton
Nairobi.

A. T. Hoey
Eldama
Ravine.

Jafferali Dustaci
Mombasa.

Deutsche-Ost-Africa Fleet.

Prinzessin	6300	tons
Admiral	6300	"
Feldmarshall	6300	"
Prinzregent	6300	"
Burgermeister	5900	"
Kronprinz	5700	"
Herzog	5000	"
König	4900	"
Markgraf	3800	"
Gouverneur	3400	"
President	3400	"
Kanzler	3000	"
Sultan	2900	"
Kaiser	2800	"
Somali	2600	"
General	2400	
Reichstag	2100	
Bundesrath	2100	
Khalif	6000	
Khedive	5000	

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Oct 24th.

Grosvenor Hotel. London.

Left Harrogate at 2,5 & reached town at 5,15. Dined with L. Jennings, W. T. Pattley & F. N. Oates at the Windham & to bed late.

Oct 25th.

On train.

Left Victoria at 11 & got to Dover at 1, had a smooth crossing & left Calais at 3, reaching Paris at 6,40. Drove across to the Gare de Lyon & had dinner with Mr & Mrs Dimay & W. Fletcher. Left at 9,20.

Oct 26th.

S.S. "Herzog". Marseilles.

Reached Marseilles at 9,34 & found the "Herzog" was only just in & was not going to leave Marseilles till 5 p.m. tomorrow – she had been in collision with a French steamer somewhere, but does not appear to have done herself any damage. Lunched at "La Joliette" & dined at the Hotel de Louvre & afterwards went to a music hall, which was very dull & rather vulgar occasionally. The "Herzog" seems a fair ship & I have got a very good cabin – "luxus" – for which I paid altogether £100. She is full up.

Oct 27th.

S.S. "Herzog". Marseilles.

Made a beastly row on deck all night & turned the ship round. Loaded cargo all the morning & most of the afternoon. Began to rain about 12,30 & continued all the day, so stayed on board – a miserable afternoon. These German ships have very strict rules & if one is rather late for a meal, you can't get anything that has been served.
Band after dinner & what with that & about 20 Germans talking at the top of their voices, the smoking room was a perfect pandemonium.

Measurements from Rowland Ward's "Records of Big Game" – 5th Edition – 1907.
x = what I have got + size of it in brackets below name.

African Game.

x Thomson's gazelle. (Gazella Thomsoni)
16 ins. to 14 ins.
(14 ins – 13 ins – 13 ins.)

x Grant's gazelle. (Gazella Granti.)
30 × 20 to 26 × 19 ins.
(24½ ins + 22½ ins – 22 ins.)

x Gazella Granti Roberti.
24 × 28 ins. to 21 × 15 ins.
(24½ × 23½ ins)

x Impala. (Aepyceros melampus.)
31 × 13 ins. to 24 × 12 ins.
(28¾ – 27 ins.)

x Hartebeeste – Coke's. (Bubalis Cokei.)
20 × 13 ins. to 18 × 14 ins.
(20 ins.)

x Hartebeeste – Jackson's (Bubalis Jacksoni.)
25 × 11 ins to 22 × 14 ins.
(22½ ins.)

x Hartebeeste – Neumann's. (Bubalis Neumanni)
22 × 11 ins. to 18 × 9 ins.
(20 ins.)

Oct 28th.

S.S. "Herzog". Mediterranean.

Off about 7. a.m. & were soon out of the harbour. A beautiful bright day with a S.W. wind & the ship rolled a goodish bit. Band performed from 11 to 12. Lots of people trying to play "diabolo" & the deck rather dangerous in consequence. Quite cold at night. Land visible to the N.W. till about midday — rocky & mountainous.

Oct 29th.

S.S. "Herzog". Off Naples.

Run = 273.

A fine morning but ship rolling. Passed through Sardinia & Corsica sometime during the night & sighted some high rocky mountainous islands on the port side in the afternoon. Got to Naples about 11 p.m. — the place looking very pretty lighted up, but it was raining hard. Vesuvius was said to be in eruption, but we could see nothing.

Oct 30th.

S.S. "Herzog". Naples.

Got into the harbour soon after midnight & tied up near the station. Went ashore about 10 with Sol. Colville & Bracher & walked through the streets — the old ones are very picturesque indeed but very odorous — & had lunch in the big Colonnade. Went aboard about 3. Coaling & loading cargo going on all day & we did not start till 7. p.m.

Naples seems a beautiful town & a very busy one, but it was a dull windy day & it did not look at its best.

"Seine Hoch fürstliche Durchlaucht Prinz Bernard zur Lippe" on board & a very nice chap — he is going for only three weeks to Africa to get a lion & a rhino. Has got most other things in German East Africa. Also "Regierungsassessor" a. D. Jessar Graf von Wartensleben", lots of other German officials with equally long titles.

Ship jumping about tonight a good deal.

× Oryx. (Oryx beisa.)
♀ 39 × 8 ins. to 34 × 13 ins.
♂ 37 × 11 ins. to 34 × 10 ins.
(28 ins.)

Fringe-eared Oryx. (Oryx beisa callotis.)
33 × 13 ins. to 26 × 13 ins.

× Tohi. (Damaliscus corrigum tsimela.)
22 × 5 ins. to 16 × 6 ins.
(17 ins.)

× White Bearded Bridled Gnu. (Connochaetes taurinus albojubatus.)
29 × 16 ins. to 26 × 19 ins.
(18 ins.)

Harvey's Duiker. (Cephalophus Harveyi.)
3 × 3 ins. to 2 × 2 ins.

Kirk's Dik-dik. (Madoqua Kirki.)
3 × 1 ins. to 2½ × 1 ins.

× Haggard's Oribi. (Oribia Haggardi.)
6 × 3 ins to 4 × 2 ins.
(5½ ins.)

× Steinbok. (Raphiceros campestris.)
6 × 2 ins to 5 × 2 ins.
(5 ins.)

Oct 31st

S.S. "Herzog". Off S. of Italy.

Run = 179. A beautiful morning & quite calm.

Passed Stromboli about 8. a.m. — a few puffs of smoke coming out of it occasionally. Passed Scylla & Charybdis & through the straits of Messina about midday — the country on each side looking very pretty indeed. Could see no signs of a Whirlpool at Charybdis, but they say at times it is quite dangerous. A. P & O. boat passed us going N. but we could not make out her name. Lost sight of land about 6.

Nov 1st Mediterranean Sea.

Run = 270. S.S. "Herzog".

A beautiful morning — quite calm & hot; but a breeze sprang up in the afternoon & it got much cooler. No signs of land or ships.

Nov 2nd

Run = 269. S.S. "Herzog". Mediterranean Sea.

A lovely morning & quite calm, though during the night the ship rolled a good deal & I had to shut my port holes. Sighted Crete early — a long way off to port. Boat steaming very slow, owing, according to the Captain, to bad coal, but as they only pay £1. per ton, it is not to be wondered at. Quite cool at night & as usual the ship began to roll a bit.

This voyage seems most awfully monotonous, probably because it is the fourth time I have been this way & also because there are very few English people on board & a lot of Germans, who are very noisy & obtrusive. The amount of beer they consume is quite wonderful — they drink it stolidly all day long.

I much prefer the French to travel with — they are much quieter & nicer in every way, & tell as Prince Bernard says, the Germans on board are all "bourgeois" of the worst description".

× Klipspringer. (Oreotragus saltator.)
5 × 2 ins to 3 × 1 ins.
(4 ins.)

× Waterbuck. (Kobus ellipsiprymnus.)
31 × 17 ins to 27 × 18 ins. (E.A.)
(26 ins.)

× Defassa Waterbuck. (Kobus defassa.)
34 × 13 ins. to 27 × 22 ins.
(27 ins.)

Mrs Gray's Kob. (Kobus maria.)
32 × 16 ins. to 26 × 13 ins. (Sudan.)

White eared Kob. (Kobus leucotis).
24 × 11 ins. to 20 × 9 ins. (White Nile.)

Uganda Kob. (Kobus thomasi.)
22 × 14 ins. to 20 × 11 ins. (Uganda.)

× Reedbuck. (Jervicapra arundinum.)
17 × 17 ins to 12 × 8 ins. (Africa)
(10 ins.)

× Mountain Reedbuck. (Jervicapra fulvorufula.)
8 × 4 ins. to 7 × 5 ins. (Africa.)
(5 ins. 4½ ins.)
6 × 2 ins. to 5 × 2 ins. (East Africa.)

Bohor Reedbuck. (Jervicapra redunca Wardi.)
13 × 8 ins. to 9 × 5 ins. (E.A.)

Nov 3rd

S.S. "Herzog". Off Port Said.

Run = 272.

A fine morning & quite calm. Two green water wagtails have come on board the ship & are very tame. Sighted the lights of Port Said about 8 p.m. & got in soon after midnight.

Nov 4th.

S.S. "Herzog". Port Said.

Went ashore about 1 a.m. & bought a helmet & some cigarettes. Had supper & got on board about 3. Busy coaling all night & sleep quite impossible — port holes all shut & awfully hot. Loading cargo all the morning & did not leave Port Said till 3 p.m. Steamed slowly up the canal & had to tie up to let steamers pass as very soon. A most magnificent sunset — the whole of the lake on the W. side of the canal, becoming a brilliant yellow colour. Curious effect produced by the shadows of the ships' funnel & masts on the desert as we went along. The Prince very "merry" on shore early this morning.

We are now 3 days late & there seems no chance of making up any time & no inclination to do so.

Almost too cold to sit on deck tonight.

Nov 5th.

S.S. "Herzog". Red Sea.

Went through the canal steadily all night & got to Suez about 7 a.m. Took in a good deal of cargo there from dhows & left at 12.

A nice cool breeze from the S. at first, but later it died down & became very hot. High bare land on each side — there are said to be ibex on the hills, but the shooting is reserved by Egyptian princes & where it is not, the inhabitants are hostile.

Passed a few ships mostly tramps & cargo steamers. Sighted Sinai about 5. — a lovely sunset, the sea turning orange, green, red & every imaginable colour in turn.

Gerenuk. (Lithocranius Walleri.)
14 × 4 to 14 × 3 ins. (E.A.)

Sable Antelope. (Hippotragus niger.)
51 × 11 ins. to 42 × 11 ins. (Africa.)
31 × 13 ins. to 22 × 9 ins. (E.A.)

Roan Antelope. (Hippotragus equinus.)
39 ins. to 29 × 10 ins. (Africa.)

× E.A. Roan Antelope. (Hippotragus equinus rufopallidus.)
31 ins to 24 × 6 ins.
(25 ins.)

Lesser Bushbuck. (Tragelaphus scriptus Rowaleyniei)
18 × 8 ins to 16 × 3 ins.

Rhebuck. (Pelea capreolus)
64 × 23 ins. to 55 × 36 ins.

E.A. Rhebuck. (Pelea capreolus chora.)
58 × 40 ins. to 49 × 36 ins.

Lesser Rhebuck. (Pelea capreolus inscitus.)
35 × 16 ins. to 30 × 13 ins.

× Eland. (Taurotragus oryx.)
37 × 23 ins. to 29 × 17 ins. (Africa.)
31 × 25 ins. to 25 × 12 ins. (E.A.)
(26 ins.)

Nov 6th.

S.S. "Herzog". Red Sea.

Run = 280.

Very hot night, but cooler in the morning. Passed two rocks — one with a lighthouse on it — about 10.a.m. Not a tree or shade of any kind on it — wonder how a human being could exist on it.

Passed several ships — amongst them a big "Messageries" boat going N.

Nov 7th.

S.S. "Herzog". Red Sea.

Run = 278.

Lovely morning, but turned very hot about 11. a.m. Something went wrong with the condenser about mid-day & we had to slow down for an hour or so — took like being four days late at Mombasa now at least, as we shall take five days from Port Said to Aden.

Very hot indeed at night — played poker & won £1-10-0 — very mild game. Isaacs, Bridges, Errington & Walker.

Nov 8th.

S.S. "Herzog". Red Sea.

Run = 277.

A lovely morning with a deliciously cool breeze. Actually caught up & passed a cargo steamer, which must be d-d slow. Lost £1-5-0 at poker.

Nov 9th.

S.S. "Herzog". Red Sea.

Run = 280.

Passed Dalilak island about midday & Mocha about 4.a.m.

Blowing quite hard & much cooler. Saw a tremendous lot of gulls feeding on small fish, which were jumping out of the water — evidently pursued by something. King's health drunk at dinner, ditto the Kaiser's. Passed Perim about 8.

X Buffalo. (Bos (Bubalus) caffer.)
greatest width outside } = ♂ 53 × 47 ins. to 41 × 26 ins.
♀ (43½ ins.)

X Hippopotamus. (Hippopotamus amphibius.)

Lower curved tusks = 64 ins to 28 ins.
" straight " = 21 ins to 18 ins.

X Wart Hog. (Phachochœrus æthiopicus.)

Upper tusks – (length from gum) = 17 ins. to 9 ins.

X Black Rhinoceros. (Rhinoceros (diceros) bicornis.)

Front Horn = 53½ ins. to 13 ins.
Rear Horn = 23 ins. to 14 ins.
(21 ins.)

X African Elephant. (Elephas (Loxodon) africanus.)

(8ft-11 ins) Tusks = 11ft-5 ins to 4ft-4 ins.
(131-124 lbs.) = 293 lbs to 26 lbs.
(57-56 lbs
(43-42½ lbs

X Lion. (felis leo.)

Length before skinning – ♂ = 10ft-5 ins to 8ft-1 ins.
" " " – ♀ =

Leopard. (felis pardus.)
" " " 7ft-10 ins. to 5ft-7 ins. (African.)

Nov 10th.

S.S. "Verjoy". Off Aden.

Got into Aden about 6 a.m. & went ashore about 7, 30 with Tobias. Had breakfast & returned on board about 11 — it was desperately hot on shore. Left about 12, 30 — quite a cool breeze blowing. H.M.S. "Venus" in the harbour. Natives offering for sale some very good oryx heads & also some kind of ibex horns — probably the Sinaitic species. Won £1. at poker.

Nov 11th.

S.S. "Verjoy". Off Somaliland.

Run = 271.

A cool breeze & a long rolling swell. Saw a Whale. Somaliland just visible to starboard & passed Cape Guardafui at 10. p.m. & turned due S. Ship pitched tremendously in the afternoon, but after altering our course, it was much smoother & cooler too. No poker.

Nov 12th.

S.S. "Verjoy." Indian Ocean.

Run = 272.

Ship rolled very much in the night & the port holes on the starboard side had to be shut. Blowing hard in the morning & evidently we are meeting the S.W. monsoon, which ought to be over by now. A cool wind, but desperately hot & muggy below. Won £2. at poker.

Nov 13th.

S.S. "Verjoy". Indian Ocean.

Run = 250

Said to be a strong current against us, hence the bad run. Cloudy & much cooler & ship only pitching a little. A lot of flying fish about.

× Shita. Ignaelurus fulvatus.

Lungs

× Giraffe.

Heart

× Hunting Dog.

× Pig. (see Hart)

× Lion Tail.

× Hyena.

× Tail.

× Zebra.

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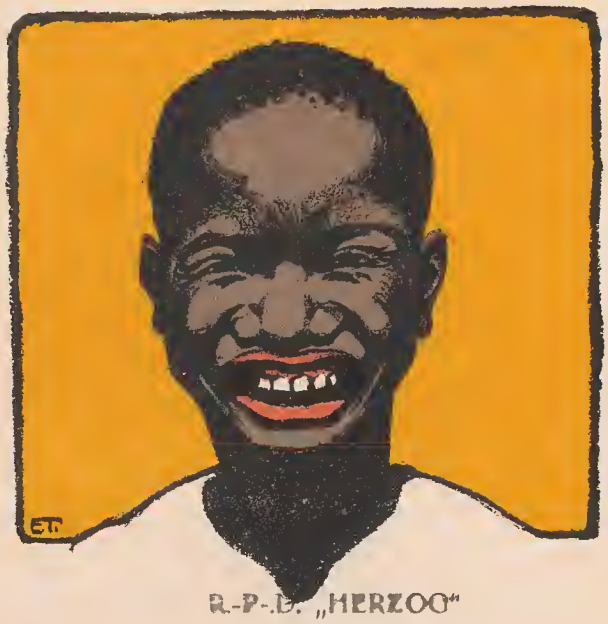

R.-P.-D. „HERZOG"

14. November 1907

Seejungfern-Schnitte	Shees of Sea Vergius
Krokodilschweif-Suppe	Soup of Shark's spawn
Seeschlange mit Quallentunke	Sea Serpent with Polypus-sauce
Walross-Schinken auf Eskimo Art mit Seegewächsen	Ham of Walrus a la Eskimo with Sea-plants
Kap-Taube im Nest auf Meerkohl	Cape-pigeons in nest on Sea-cabbage
Vertriebene Aequator Postboje	Strayed Equator Postboje
Rasierter Albatro m. Schwimmflossen Tropenkollerpilz-Tunke	Roast Penguines with Swim-wings Tropical Delirium-sauce
Triton Salat Najaden-Kompott	Triton Salad Compote of Najades
Eisberg in Flammen m. gefroren. Nectar Edelkorallen m. Naschwerk für Nixen	Fire spying Ice-Montain with Nectar Juwel-corats with Sweet for Nympfes
Seequark – Meerschaumbutter	Sea-käse – Merrschaumbutter
Meridiankugeln und Seeteufelaugen aus Neptuns Lustgarten	Meridian-balls with Sea-divels Eyes from Neptuns Joy-Garden
Abstinenzlauge m. Swakopwasser	Teetotaler slopes of Swakop water

Dr. C. Wolf & Sohn, München

ÄQUATOR-TANZPROGRAMM

Zum Besten der heissblütigen Seejungfern.

1. Tropenkoller Marsch	Qualle
2. Meersirenenzauber-Walzer	Seeteufel
3. Tritons Liebessehnsucht, Rheinl.	Hummer
4. Neptuns Traum, Walzer	Seestern
5. Fliegende Fische, Polka	Sumpfnudel
6 Verliebte Meerigel, Walzer	Tintenfisch
7. Schlussgalopp der sämtl. Äquatorbewohner	Hecht

× Chita. (Cynaelurus jubatus.)

Length = 7 ft - 9 ins. to 6 ft.

× Giraffe.

Maximum Height = 17 ft - 3 ins. — at shoulder = 10 ft - 11 ins.
= 16 ft.

× Hunting dog.

× Pig. (see Wart Hog) Phachochœrus æthiopicus)

× Serval Cat.

× Hyæna.

Length = 5 ft.

× Jackal.

× Zebra.

Nov 14th.

S.S. "Virgo". Indian Ocean.

Run = 264.

Delightfully cool breeze & a good many clouds about.
Went through the ceremony of "crossing the line" at 4 p.m. Some of the crew were disguised as Neptune & his wife, etc, etc, & after a procession with a band — round the ship, the people who had not crossed the equator before, were put on the edge of a canvas tank & after being lathered & shaved with a wooden razor, were pushed over backwards & ducked. The ladies were christened only. Several speeches were made by Neptune, etc, but as they were in German, I could not understand them.

Menu of dinner afterwards —

Shoes of Sea Virgins.
Soup of Shark's Spawn.
Sea Serpent with Polypus Sauce.
Ham of Walrus a la Eskimo with Sea Plants.
Tape Pigeons in nest on Sea-cabbage.
Frayed Equator Postboys.
Roast Penguins with Siren-Wings.
Tropical delirium Sauce.
Triton Salad. Compote of Nayades.
Ice spying Ice-mountain with Fiches.
Jewel-corals with Sweet for Nymphes.
Sea-Kale. Seerschaumbutter.
Meridian-balls with Sea-divels Eyes from
Neptunus Joy-Garden.
Sea cocktails Slokes of Shakop water.

Very literal translation from German.

Route from Entebbe to Gondokoro.

List of camps from Entebbe to Butiaba.

		miles.
1.	Kisubi.	12
2.	Kampala.	11.
3.	Kajindi.	10
4.	Kikandua.	10
5.	Ikyanuma.	horrible buffalo. 13
6.	Kabula Imubiro.	game. 12
7.	Kalisi.	9
8.	Kisingo.	15
9.	Kibogo.	elephant-near Maenya. 10
10.	Kagoma.	5
11.	Jelo.	elephants, lion, Waskibuch, Kongoni. 9
12.	Kikonda.	16
13.	Batema	9
14.	Koema.	7
15.	Kitoba.	7
16.	Kajura.	8
17.	Wacki.	8
18.	Butiaba Port.	6
		179 miles

This averages 10½ miles per day or = 17 days.

Ordinary boat journey = 9 days.

Journey to Gondokoro = 10 days.

Total = 37 days.

Nov 15th.

S. S. "Herzog". Indian Ocean.

Run = 261.

Cloudy & a cool breeze.

Nov 16th. Mombasa.

Grand Hotel.

Run = 289.

Very hot but a cool breeze. Sighted land about 2 & anchored in Melindini harbour at 6. Story came off, as part of my outfit had not arrived at Nairobi — found that the ship it was in had only reached Mombasa this morning, so there looks like being some delay. Went by trolly to the Grand Hotel, where they had kept a good room for me. Hot so very hot at first, but it got very bad at night.

Nov 17th.

Grand Hotel. Mombasa.

Most awfully hot — went down to the Club, but the heat was almost unendurable. Story tried to get my baggage through the customs, but could'nt. Went to the Club & for a rickshaw drive with Colville afterwards. Found no money paid to my acc[t] at the Bank!!!

Nov 18th.

On train.

Very busy all the morning & left Mombasa at 11. Very hot in train.

Nov 19th

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Got to Nairobi at 11.a.m — Dutton & Guat. Wilson at the station. Much fussing about safari arrangements — can get two ponies, but not a single saddle !!! Story very useful.

Very comfortable hotel & very cool.

Butiaba to Kimuli; viâ Wadelai. (By river.)

Butiaba to Wadelai. = 72 miles.
Wadelai to Kimuli. = 93 " .

165 miles.

Generally done in three days – camps twice on E. bank – Butiaba to Wadelai.

Wadelai to Kimuli – Four camps.

Kimuli to Gondokoro.

		miles
1.	Assua river.	11.
2.	Rako villages.	11.
3.	Imuli.	12.
4.	Lokora.	12.
5.	Jambur.	12.
6.	Kogi.	9.
7.	Kayna	10
8.	Fort Berkley.	12.
9.	Obeakimo.	12
10.	Gondokoro.	10.
	By this route.	112.

Kimuli to Gondokoro – By Upper Road.

1.	Assa river	10.
2.	Erapi.	12.
3.	Kiripi.	10.
4.	Imugi villages.	13.
5.	Kyonki.	9.
6.	Kiriboo.	9.
7.	Kit river.	13.
8.	Lupurro.	10.
9.	Laburri.	11.
10	Gondokoro.	8
		107.

See over.

No. 78

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

SPORTSMAN'S GAME LICENSE.

(Fee 750 rupees.)

Mr. N. L. Cockburn, *is hereby licensed to kill, hunt, and capture game within the East Africa Protectorate for one year from the date hereof, but subject to the provisions and restrictions of "The Game Regulations, 1906."*

Extras one Bull Giraffe
one .. Buffalo (not to be shot in the Ukamba Province)

Dated this 20th *day of* November 1907.

Provincial Commissioner [~~or Collector.~~]

The number of extra animals for the killing of which permission is granted should be endorsed on this license.

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Nov 20

Calcutta Tour. Travels.

to the bank early expecting to find my acct at this branch of the Bank of India, but the manager knows nothing about it. Returned to Howrah at 10, but did not get a census till nearly 6, when they replied that they had credit for £200. to my acct. there. (11)
In the meantime had to borrow Rs. 1000 from Dutton to pay my own way. Lunched with Wilson & Dutton & Eustace dined with me. Cost of day altogether Rs. 1000 — eight & a half in Rs. 550 & made from Howrah Rs. 570.

Permit granted by Prov. Commr. Nawabganj to shoot 1 extra elephant on 11-12-07.
Fee paid Rs. 250 (Two hundred and fifty).

V.C. Crewe. Read
Capt. C.

Ramnie. 11/12/07.

Nov 20th.

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Went to the bank early expecting to find my acc= at this branch of the Bank of India, but the manager knew nothing about it. We wired to Mombasa at 10, but did not get an answer till nearly 6, when they replied that they had credit for £800. to my acc= there. (17/-) In the meantime had to borrow Rs. 1000. from Britton to pay for my game licence. Lunched with Wilson & Britton & Eustace dined with me. Very busy all day getting the safari ready — bought a pony for Rs. 650 & a mule from Nairobi for Rs. 500.

Nov 21st.

In ~~camp~~ train

Busy all the morning getting money & settling up with Newland & Tarlton, etc. Left — with all the safari, outfit & stores — at 12 o'clock. Very heavy rain till we got almost to the top of the Escarpment, but none the other side. Saw Dry mour & Doherty at Nairobi — the mule I got came from him. Lunched & stayed the night at Nakuru.

Nov 22nd

In camp. Lampi Kongoni.

Got to Londiani about 10 & spent some time unloading the stores, etc. Had some food there & got off about 12.30 & marched to Lampi Kongoni, which we reached about 2. The porters seem a good lot & are real strong men — Swahilis & Wanyamwezi — very different to Kikuyus. Very cold at Londiani, but it got warm later & there were some heavy showers in the afternoon. Busy opening boxes & making them up into loads. We have got 50 porters & shall get 10 donkeys at Baringo.

From Entebbe to Gondokoro = 457 miles.

— by road = 292 miles.
— by river = 165 " .

Entebbe to Butiaba. = 18 camps = 179 miles.

Butiaba to Hamidi = 6 camps = 165 miles.

Hamidi to Gondokoro. = 9 camps = 112 miles

456 miles.

Nov 23rd.

In camp. Ravine.

Got safari off at 7 & marched 4 to de to Ravine, which we reached at 12. Safari in about 1, 30. The mule I got from Doherty seems a very good one & the pony is a nice hack, but in very poor condition & very weak. A lovely view from the hill beyond Ravine, & Lake Baringo looked quite close, though 60 miles away. Lunched with the Collector — Trevor-Read, who has taken Wilkie's place. Heavy rain in the afternoon with thunder. Dined with the Collector — he has two young cheetahs, which are quite tame & sleep with his dogs.

Nov 24th.

In camp. Mashi Thumbi camp.

Busy all the morning loading the 10 donkies & issuing 5 days rations to each porter — to be carried by them. Got the safari off about 11 — the donkies about two hours before. Lunched at the Boma & started off about 2, 30 & after a very bad march, chiefly in the forest & in mud up to ones knees, got into camp at 5. It was extraordinary how donkies & porters could get along such a path — about the roughest I have seen & a bad swamp to be crossed at the end, which the ponies only just got through.

Nov 25th.

In camp. Baridi camp.

Heavy rain in the night & a dull cold morning, so did not get the safari off till 8. Marched first through two swamps — the first up to the ponies' knees in water — & then ~~through~~ along a very narrow slippery path through forest. The path was so overhung with shrubs & creepers that one had to force ones way along & very soon got wet to the skin. It rained most of the time & was very cold. Got out of the forest about 12 & camped in down-like country about 1. A fine afternoon for a change.

Swahili Words.

Spoon	Kijiko.
Old	Ya Jamani.
New	Mpya.
Male	Mume.
Female	Mke.
Blood	
Day b	
Hill	
Mount	
Paddle	
"	
We will	
Give o	
Clean	
Wait here	Kgoja hapa.
Basin	Bakuli.
Bed	Kitanda
Boat	Mashua
Oars	Kasia
Rowlock	Kikeke
Rudder	Sukani
Sail	Tanga
Water – cold = Baridi – hot = Moto –	Maji
Wind	Upepo
River	Mto
Lake	Ziwa
Handle	Mshumaa
Chair	Kiti
Looking glass	Kioo
Cup	Kikombe

Nov 26th.

In camp. Red Earth camp.

A wet morning, so did not get off till 7,45 — donkeys at 6,30. Found the donkeys stuck at a stream about a mile from camp & it took some time to get them all across. Went over an undulating country — very like the Hampshire downs — with patches of bamboo forest in places — along a narrow path in long grass, gradually going up till about midday when we crossed the watershed & the source of the Kerio or Ido river, which flows into Lake Rudolph. Got to camp — just beyond a patch of red earth on the hillside — at 1, safari in at 2,30 & donkeys not till 5,30. Rained hard the whole time & was bitterly cold too, especially when waiting for the safari — a miserable march. Passed a fine waterfall — about 50 ft high — on the Kerio river. Everything wet through & very uncomfortable.

Nov 27th.

In camp.

A heavy rain in the night & a very wet morning, so did not get off till nearly 8 o'clock. Marched over the same undulating country — raining hard all the time — & camped in a valley at 2. Left the donkeys behind to come on as they best can. Only had a long shot at a hongoni. This evening saw Mount Elgon in the distance — not very high but about 70 miles in circumference.

Nov 28th.

In camp. S. end of Kwanziokia Plateau.

A fine morning & got off soon after 7. Marched over the usual down-like country, which later on became studded with small coverts & very pretty. Had a shot at a running hongoni, which I knocked over but which got up again & beat us in some thick bush. Got to the edge of the plateau & camped about 3 — a fine expanse, surrounded by high hills in the far distance — Mount Elgon the most conspicuous.

To want- Ku-taka.

I want- Ha-taka

You

He

They

I do

You

He

They

I wanted Hili-taka.

You " Ili-taka

He " Ali-taka

They " Wali-taka

I did not want- Siku-taka

You " " " Kuku-taka

He " " " Haku-taka

They " " Hawaku-taka

} negative.

I shall want- Ita-taka

You " " Ita-taka

He " " Ata-taka

They " " Wata-taka

I shall not want- Sita-taka

You " " " Kuta-taka

He " " " Kata-taka

They " " " Kawata-taka.

} negative.

Nov 29th.

In camp. Lergoi Lake.

Off about 7 a rode due W. — leaving the safari to make its way to Lergoi Lake — in hopes of seeing a lion, but though we came across several fresh kills, we did not see a "simba". A tremendous lot of Kongoni about & also Zebra, a few eland, topi & waterbuck too on the plateau, which seems divided by a high ridge in the middle, from which one gets a magnificent view to Nandi Isonia on the S, Elgon on the W, & the Elgeyu forest on the E. & the N. there are no hills. Killed two Zebra with the .350 — which jammed once, but the cartridge extracted all right when fired — & the .450. Lake Lergoi is a lake about a mile long & ½ mile wide & very shallow — also saltish — in a hollow with low hills round it. Left one Zebra out as a kill.

Nov 30th.

In camp. Lergoi Lake.

Called late — fault of cook — do not off till 7.30. Nothing had been at the kill so rode due N. across the plateau to where a wooded valley divides it from the hills. Saw several tracks of elephants — branches of trees pulled down & dung — not more than 2 days old, some leading towards the Ngoia river & some unluckily back to the forest. No signs of lions except one quite fresh kill. Had a go at a Kongoni at 300 yds with the .350 & hit him twice — went up to him with the .450 & raked him aft & fore as he galloped away. Stacy too put 3 more shots into him before he dropped. Coming back to camp, which we reached at 4.30, we each had a go at Kongoni with our .350's. I hit one twice & knocked him down, but he got up & went clean away, ditto the one Stacy fired at & which was hit twice too. Their vitality is simply wonderful. The donkies got in about 5 p.m. & look fresh & well.

Today	Leo
Tomorrow	Kesho
Day after tomorrow	Kesho - Kutwa
Day before yesterday	
Ditch	
File	
Fork	
Knife	
Gun	
" powder	
Hammer	
Hill	
Island	Kisiwa
Lake	Ziwa
Lamp	Kandili
Letter	
Long time	
Match	
Moon	
Mosquito	
Mountain	
Tent peg	
Pen	
Plate	
River	Mto
Road	Njia
Rope	Kamba
Shoe	Kiatu
Soap	Sabuni
Spoon	Kijiko
Spear	Fumo
String	Uzi

Dec 1st

In camp. N. end Kwasungishu Plateau.

Off Latish & marched about due N. to a swamp at the N. end of the plateau & camped about 12. Saw eland, kongoni, topi & zebra on the way & hit a kongoni four times with the .350 before he dropped. The first shot apparently through the heart & the second through the neck, the others near his tail. Went for a longish round after tea — saw some elephant tracks about four days old & missed a kongoni end on — an easy shot at 100 yds.

Dec 2nd

In camp. Simbo camp.

Off at 7.30 & marched N.W. in front of the safari. Very soon we saw a herd of about 70 elephants in a valley with no trees except mimosa in it. We got down wind of them & were getting close up to them, when they must have got the wind of the safari coming up behind us, though we had sent the syce back to stop them. The elephants massed together & went by us about 100 yds away. I had two goes at a bull & hit him twice in the head & the herd bolted — the wounded one soon fell behind & a shot in the spine brought him down. We ran on — I got fearfully pumped — & caught them up facing us, & I hit a bull just where the trunk goes into the head. He got mixed up with the others — an old cow kept coming towards us with her trunk up & screaming, evidently wanting to charge but unable to get our wind — but they got in too several shots & eventually we knocked him over — a very big old bull with splendid tusks — 11 ft-2 ins high at shoulder — each about 8 ft-11 ins. long. The safari then came up & said a very sick bull had passed close to them. We pitched camp & after lunch a porter ran in & said he had seen more elephants close to camp, but though we saw them once in the distance we could'nt get near them. Went to look for the wounded bull & came across him not 200 yds away from the big elephant — very sick indeed — & I soon settled him with a shot in the head.

Killed two kongoni with one bullet coming home & they got another.

A great day.

Table	Meza
Tent	Hema
Time	Jamani
Tree	Miti
Warm	Jamoto
Water	Maji
Wind	Upepo
Wood	Miti
Chest	Kifua
Head	Kitwa
Leg	Guu
Eye	Jicho
Stomach	Tumbo
Throat	Koo
Bread	Mkate
Beans	Kunde
Butter	Siagi
Coffee	Kahawa
Egg	Yai
Fish	Samaki
Flour	Unga
Fowl	Kuku
Honey	Asali
Meat	Nyama
Milk	Maziwa
Potato	Viazi
Rice	Mchele
Sugar	Sukari
Tea	Chai
Vegetable	Mboga

Dec 3rd.

In camp. Jembo camp.

Roused early by a porter, who had seen a lioness & two cubs at one of the elephants. Went out in my pyjamas, but they had gone. Two Wdorobo came into camp last night & after breakfast we started cutting out one of the tusks of the big elephant. It took about 3 hrs to do, as the tusk goes nearly 8 ft into the head & is imbedded in a mass of cellular bone. We broke two axes over the job, but eventually got it out & Hoey's weighing machine — which goes up to 100 lbs — was not up to the weight of it!!! If the machine is correct, the tusks must be about a record for B.E.A. The Wdorobo took a load of meat & went to their villages in the hills — about 35 miles away — & say their people will come tomorrow "in numbers like the grass". One of them is badly scarred by a lion. The tusks were 8 ft-6 ins. long — 8 ft-11 ins. Went out due W. after tea to a swamp which runs into the Ngiras river. Got a poor waterbuck in it & a moderate hongoni close to camp. The men sent out for the latter said a lion chased them from the carcase!!! Missed an oribi in long grass, but nearly every animal one shoots at is half hidden by it.

Dec 4.

In camp. Jembo camp.

Out at 5.30 & went to the elephant carcases, where we heard lions last night. However they had gone before daylight. Busy cutting out the tusks from the elephants, but it is a tedious job & they already smell so much that I can only go to within about 50 yds of them upwind. Got all the tusks cut out by night — the weights are —

no. 1 — 57 lbs — 56 lbs.
no. 2 — 131 lbs — 118 lbs.
no 3 — 43 lbs — 42½ lbs.
} 447½ lbs — official weight.

Went out after tea & got a hongoni & a reedbuck — the latter was hit in the stomach, head & neck by the .350 before he succumbed — the hongoni was hit just below the heart, in the neck & stomach too!!! Missed another hongoni & an oribi — nearly every shot one gets here is standing up & without a rest, as the grass is too long to sit or kneel down.

Official Weight of Elephant's Tusks — by District Commissioner of Rejaf.

1. 131 – 118 lbs. — (both these tusks were "slightly held up" when weighed & actually weighed 131 & 124 lbs.)
2. 57 – 56 lbs.
3. 43 – 42½ lbs.

Total Weight = ~~[illegible]~~ 454 lbs.

An elephant's tusk is solid ivory until it enters the head, then it becomes hollow & filled with marrow — the tusk then being extraordinarily thin & easily broken.
This is surrounded — in the head — by a kind of cellular bone, but what keeps its vast weight in its place, I could not discover.
As far as one could see about 90 per cent of the weight must be outside the head & when one sees the thinness of the hollow casing of the tusk inside it seems incredible that its weight alone does not snap it short off.

* Jebel.

Dec 5th.

In camp. Simbo camp.

A lot of rain in the night & a wet morning, in addition the useless Iyce, who had been degraded into a porter, refused to carry the lunch basket, & had to be kiboko'd, consequently a late start. Went out W. & made a big round by the large swamp & the Ngoia river & did not get back till nearly 4. Bussed an oribi — the only shot I got all day — & lost the man who carried the lunch basket, so had a poor day. Swarms of Kdorobo came in this evening & as soon as they saw the elephant carcases in the distance, they fairly flew at them. The headmen came into camp.

Dec 6th.

In camp. Sabgi camp.

Moved camp about a couple of miles to the head of a valley leading down to the Ngoia river & wrote letters all the morning. Watched the Kdorobo making fire by rubbing two pieces of wood together — it does not take five minutes to do. They twirl an upright stick in a hole in a horizontal piece of wood & the fibre, which comes away through the friction, takes fire very soon. This is caught on a stone or the blade of a spear held underneath & from this they can light anything. They also shewed us their spears — for elephant — & arrow heads, all of which they keep most carefully wrapped up in strips of skin to prevent any contact with the poison with which they are coated & which looks like black varnish. It will kill a man in about five minutes & an elephant in two hours or so. Their skin is quite a different colour to the rest of them — a sort of light red colour — & is called some name sounding like Jebelel, which means "White man". They come from Elgeyu country. Went out after tea & missed a galloping kongoni, but got another & an oribi. Have got a kongoni too, as we are short of meat for the men — they are on half rations of rice since we left Sergoi.

B. E. Africa.

Transferred to Government in 1895 by B.E.A. Co. incorporated in 1888.
" " Colonial Office " 1905.

Salary of Officials.

Governor	£2,500
Lieut. Governor	£1000.
Prov. Comms.	£750. to £600.
Judges	£900 to £500.

Population = 4,000,000.

Imports = £753,647. } 1906-07.
Exports = £440,705. }

Uganda Railway.

584 miles.
Staff arrived 1895.
Finished 1901.

Dec 7th.

On camp. Judge camp.

Off about 7,30 — heavy rain in the night — & went W. Soon saw some Rongoni & after as usual hitting one all over the body, got him. Went on in the same direction & eventually saw about 20 giraffes in a swamp. Did a careful stalk in long grass but could get no nearer than about 250 yds. They evidently picked us out & began to move off slowly, but a big bull stopped & I opened fire with the .350. Had five shots at him with, as far as we could see, no effect at all. They moved off at a slow lumbering bored-looking canter & they opened fire too. But they vanished over a hill — they had gone in a half circle round us — apparently untouched. We ran after them & to our disgust came upon a dead cow, which must have got a chance bullet. Whilst the men were skinning it, I went on & very soon saw the big bull standing alone & looking very sick. Whilst I was watching him, he toppled over & collapsed & we found him to be a very big beast. Could not get his head & head & neck skin home before dark, so left my gunbearers with him & went back to camp & sent out some porters, who will stay out the night & bring the skin, etc, in tomorrow morning.

Dec 8th

On camp. Judge camp.

Off late, as we can do nothing till the gunbearers come back with the giraffe head, etc. They did not get in till nearly midday. Went out after tea due S. but saw nothing except Rongoni, one of which I got, for a wonder, with one shot. Roy got 2 Impalas with one shot & I knocked the tail feathers out of another, but did not get him. Went to one of the elephant carcases & found that the Adonis had left absolutely nothing but bones. Great discussion as to what day of the week it is — finally settled it was Sunday.

Dec 9th.

In camp. Ngoza river.

Off at 7.30 & marched E. down a valley to the Ngoza river, which we reached at 10. Shot a fairish waterbuck on the way & Roey got two reedbuck.

Just before we got to the river we saw a lioness in some reeds — she bolted out & up a bank into some long grass & I marked her running. Hinton & came up to her & a lion — I could just see the latter's head in some bush about 100 yds away & being very pumped marked him clean. Both vanished in the long grass & it was no use following them. After tea went out with the .275 & had an awful time with Rongoni — startled by knocking one over but the grass was so high that it was impossible to see what happened to him. Spent two hours chasing & hitting what I thought were wounded Rongoni & eventually got two, but am afraid they were not the original ones I hit. Their vitality is extraordinary & almost incredible — I hit one plumb in the chest at about 100 yds, but he galloped away apparently unhurt. The one I got last was hit through the shoulder, just behind the heart & in the spine. One must have a big rifle for them.

Dec 10th.

In camp. Ngoza river.

Off about 7. & went a big circ to the S. Found a kill which had only just been left by lion, but could find no trace of them — the grass however is so awfully long that anything under the size of an elephant might slip away unseen. We hit innumerable grass fires, so shall clear some of it away. Got an oribi.

Went out after tea & got a Rongoni at 350 yds. stone dead — Roey got one too which we left out for a kill. Went down the river for bush buck, but did not see any. Walked right on top of a leopard, but my rifle was slung over my shoulder & before I could get it ready, it vanished into some long grass. Got a serval cat directly afterwards, but the .350 bullet made an awful mess of its skin. Wound up by missing a long shot at a Rongoni hidden in long grass.

Equipment for East Africa.

For Voyage.

Flannel shirts with low collars.
dress jacket — alpaca or white cloth — a thin trousers
dress shirts — with silk fronts — or silk shirts altogether.
Suits made of "Assam silk" or some such material.
Suits made of thin khaki better than flannel for use in B.E.A.

For safari.

3 pair boots — unlamed. (Seal.) 2 trees — skeleton ones — no dubbin.
3 suits khaki clothes — knicker bocker breeches. Trebly lined at elbows & knees. Big pockets to hold glasses — to button up.
1 suit flannel.
3 khaki coloured shirts — extra thick down spine. (Made a Norman) — perhaps better without collars — to wear a scarf round one's neck — khaki coloured ones. Had this time & found awfully the first time they were washed.
Leather slippers.
Mosquito boots.
Rubber boots.
12 pairs thick socks.
12 handkerchiefs
(3 vests.) — never used.
3 pair of drawers.
3 pair putties — thick.
2 leather belts with swivels.
1 watch case (leather) for belt.
1 pipe " " " ".
3 towels — bath.
2 sponges — one rubber.
1 pith helmet.
1 soft hat — a double terai hat.
1 Burberry slip-on.
3 suits pyjamas.
1 sweater.
2 pair gauntlet gloves — to cover wrists.

Dec 11th.

In camp. Ugoi river.

Men off at daybreak to take tusks & elephants feet to Nzoia, as they are too bulky to carry about with us. Tied each of the big tusks to a pole, so as to be carried by two men. Just as we started, however, one of the men came back to say that they were too heavy for two men, so they went back to camp to send some more to help them. Whilst he was away I spied the hill on the W. & saw four hunting dogs chasing what looked like an oribi. They went a tremendous pace, apparently hunting both by scent & view, in about half a mile, but as far as I could see, did not catch the oribi. All the other game was much alarmed. The dogs seemed about as big as a hyæna, but with long bushy tails tipped with white. Went over the hill to the N. & had a magnificent view over a well wooded rather undulating plain up to Mount Elgon. Killed a korgoni and on at nearly 400 yds, missed another & killed two snakes — one 6ft-6ins. long — black with a yellow patch under the head & two more yellow patches under the throat & behind it. The gunbearers said they sprang at a man's head & were very deadly!!! Got a pig — soft nosed .850 went clean through his shoulder.

Went out after tea down the river after bushbucks, but did not see any, but coming back, just as it was getting dusk, we saw a pack of about 20 wild hunting dogs coming towards us. We waited till they got about 60 yds off & then opened fire, but only got one — a dog. They are a smooth coated, blackish in colour, with yellowish markings & have tremendously powerful jaws. This one was very lean & fit & rather high on the leg. They are said to be very hasty sometimes & these went away very slowly & reluctantly when shot at. They were apparently on our track when we met them, very probably having never seen a white man before. Was sorry to have shot one as it was so like an ordinary dog. Had some dried apples for dinner tonight — thought they tasted rather bitter & on close examination, found they were a mass of ants!!!

1 leather dressing case – Eau de Cologne – Ur tooth blocks – Eau de C. in leather cased bottle
2 cartridge belts – leather – one for .450 cartridges only – metal tapports on coat.
2 ½ pair blankets or 2 pair & 1 rug.
2 pair Jaeger sheets or ½ 1 pair – 2 pillow cases.
1 bed with mosquito curtains – latter with brass rods.
1 table for tent – 1 for dining tent.
1 chair " " – " " " " .
1 tent – 11 × 9 ft with bath room & double fly & floor sheet – 1 dining tent.
1 washing stand & basin, soap dish, etc. (washing stand iron.)
1 bath with wicker case inside.
2 lamps – Deity or Hitchcocks' – 1 candle lamp.
1 looking glass.
1 tent pole strap.
2 watches – use for late calling etc.
1 aneroid – 00 ft. at least.
1 linen basket –
2 pair Zeiss gl – the best power.
2 Berkfield

Dec 12th.

On camp. Simba camp.

Off about 7,30. leaving three men & fourteen loads behind, & marched back towards Lake Jergoi. In about 12 & camped where we were on Dec 1st. . Missed a kongoni en route. Had to camp on burnt grass owing to the grass fires all round — very grimy & dirty. We meant to have gone after buffalo on the hills, but no Dorobo turned up, so we are going on the plain after lion, but the grass is much too long, though a lot of it is being burnt now. Went out after tea & found the kongoni, I thought I had missed, dead in a hollow. Got another & missed one too. Went on to a swamp S.W. & saw three rhino bulls. Got close up to them & dropped one as the other only went about 100 yds before he dropped too. Unluckily the third was a half grown "toto" & we got close up to him & photographed him, but the plucky little beast would charge & I had to have a go at him with the .450, which turned him & he vamoosed. Very sorry for him as he was a plucky little beast. Both horns very disappointing — both only 22 ins & very thin.

Dec 13th.

On camp. Farie camp.

Off at 7 & marched W. In an hour & pitched camp near a swamp. Sent back 14 men to the Ngoia river to bring on the loads we left. Went for a long round towards Jergoi but saw very little game. Just as we got back to camp, we saw the men bolting from it & a rhino standing almost in the tents. I had a go at him & he bolted & we pursued him a long way before he stopped & it took over a dozen shots to kill him, though I hit him first shot with a .450 solid in the shoulder. He tried hard to get at us when we got close to him, but a broken leg prevented him coming far. About 8 o'clock another rhino appeared close to camp, but he had the sense to steer off & we let him go. Went out N. after tea & had a long shot at a kongoni, which gave us an awful chase & when we eventually got it, it had nine .350 soft nose bullets in him. Killed another & left him for a kill. An awfully windy camp.

Battery.

2 · 450 rifles.
2 · 350 rifles.
or
1 · 350 rifle
1 · 2⅞ rifle

Extra sights & strikers for all rifles
& extra springs for magazine rifles.
Also extra sight protectors – metal.

Paradox.
Revolver.
500 cartridges – 400 soft nose & 100 solid for rifle most used – at
200 " – 100 soft nose & 100 solid for · 450.
200 shot cartridges – 200 no. 4 or ~~100 no. 6 & 100 no. 4~~ 100 no. 4 & 100 no. 6. Brass
50 revolver cartridges
Canvas cases for rifles very useful.

2 Rocket Pistols – useful for showing where camp is if one gets lost.

Dec 14th.

In camp. Tana camp.

About one this morning seven or eight lions came to the carcases of the two rhino— one of which is barely 200 yds away— & kicked up a most infernal row. Hocy was up nearly all night as the pony was very frightened & the lions occasionally came close up to the camp & none of the porters dare sleep. We went out at daybreak, but they had left the carcases, but we tracked some into a swamp due S. Could see nothing of them till we got to the end of the swamp when, whilst we were walking through some long grass up a small hill, there was a grunt & a lion came bang at us. Hocy got a view of him first & grazed him in the shoulder, but he came on & I dropped him with a .350 soft nose in the brain, just 12 yds away. Another lion bolted over the hill & I loosed off just too late— we went after him but he would not stop & vanished, ditto a lioness we saw coming back. The lion we got had a very fine tawny mane & is a fine specimen. Went out S. after tea & got two Wanyoni in the men— the porters from the Ngoia river turned up about 11. Saw nothing else for a long time, but eventually spied the head of a lioness some distance off in long grass on the side of a hill. Stalked up to within 100 yds of her, but could only just see her head above the grass. I loosed off & shot just over her, but she only crouched a little lower & I caught her fair with the second shot. She bolted away & I missed her galloping next time, but the fourth shot knocked her tail over end. [illegible]. She picked herself up & came towards us, but squatted in the long grass— I did not want to go after her— once bitten twice shy— neither did Hocy, but the gunbearers were keen & so, like a d-d fool, I went. The gunbearers pointed out the place where they thought she was & we carefully went up to it through grass up to one's armpits. Suddenly we heard a grunt & found she was 20 yds behind us & that we had passed within a few feet of her. Luckily she was too sick to charge & somebody must have been caught, & a shot settled her. A lesson I hope I shan't forget & which I thought I had already learnt.

Chop Boxes.

An equal number of each to be taken — one would last two people a week.

Box A.

One bottle Salt
" " Pepper
" tin Mustard
One Tin Opener
One 1lb tin Biscuits
One ½ lb tin Tea
Six ½ lb tins Ideal Milk
One 1 lb tin Sugar
Two ½ lb tins "Flamingo" Butter.
One 1lb tin Marmalade
Three 1 lb tins Jam
Two 4oz tins Sardines
Six 1 lb tins Fish
Six 2 oz tins Potted Meat
Two ½ lb tins Sausages
Two 1lb tins Tongue
Soup Tablets
Two 1 lb tins Roast Chicken
Three 2 lb tins Flour
One ¼ lb tin Cornflour
One 1 lb tin Patna Rice
One ½ lb bottle Chutneene
One small bottle Worcester Sauce
One ½ lb Pkt Candles
One 1 lb tin Brawn
Dried Fruits.
One 1 lb tin Ham.
One 2 oz bottle Curry Powder
One ½ lb tin Baking Powder.

Or

take the ordinary chop boxes & get flour, butter, jam & milk in B.E.A.

Box B.

One Tin Opener.
One 1 lb tin Biscuits
One ½ tin Tea
Six ½ lb tins Ideal Milk
One 1 lb tin Sugar
Two 4oz tins Sardines
Six 1 lb tins Fish
Two ½ lb tins Sausages
One 1 lb tin Brawn
Six 2 oz tins Potted Meat
Soup Tablets
One 1 lb tin Plum Pudding
Two ½ lb tins Flamingo Butter
One ¼ lb tin Cornflour
~~One 2 oz bottle Curry Powder~~
One ½ pt bottle Pickles
Dried Fruits
One 1 lb tin Marmalade
Three 1 lb tins Jam
One 1 lb tin Lard
One ½ lb Pkt Candles
One small tin Tea
Three 2 lb tins Flour
One ½ lb tin Baking Powder
One small bottle Worcester Sauce
Two tins Asparagus ?
One 1 lb Mixed Herbs ?
One ½ lb Chocolate ?
One 1 lb tin Green Peas.

Dec 15th.

In camp. Faru camp.

Only disturbed once by lions in the night, but just at dawn two appeared close to camp, so we got the ponies as soon as possible & galloped after them, but they went N. into the trees & did us. Went back to bed as the gunbearers are busy with the lionesses skin. Most awfully windy & quite cold. Went out due S. after tea & got a reedbuck & a steinbuck & hit a hongoni, but he went on for miles with a broken leg & we did not get him. Pony very lame in the stifle - probably kicked by the mule. The askari, on duty this morning about 3, said a lion came within 20 yds of the fire in front of my tent - he woke Hoey, but the lion departed without waking me. They are a d-d nuisance as they won't stay till it is light enough to have a go at them & the noise they make so close to camp stops one sleeping comfortably.

Dec 16th.

In camp. Faru camp.

Off at 6.45 & went due E. but found the grass very long & saw nothing but zebra & hongoni - one of the latter I missed but got another. Hoey's Masai turned up & reports Tor still at Revine, but another big safari encamped about five miles off - probably Bowker's - but it turned out to be Park's after all. Got a good pig after tea & missed a hongoni & two Greater Bustards.

Dec 17th.

In camp. Faru camp.

Out at 6.40 & went N. - sent 14 loads to Hargoi - & found some lion tracks leading into a swamp, so sent back to camp for the porters & beat it out. Three lionesses came out but of course the opposite side to where I was & though we tracked them a long way, we never got up to them. Hoey got a hongoni - hit it five times. After tea went S. & I got a Greater Bustard walking at 100 yds in the head!!! Stalked a frosted crane & got him in the head too - two awful flukes & both with a solid .350. Saw nothing else except zebra, oribi & hongoni.

Medicine Chest.

Cascara Sagrada
Corrosive Sublimate . gr 8.75 . Solvid.
Dover Powder
Lead with Opium.
Livingstone Razor.
Potassium Permanganate
Soda Mint
Vegetable Laxative
Warburg Tincture
Borax — Hazeline.
Cathartic Compound
Thymosol Solvid.
Boric Acid Solvid.
Easton Syrup.
Potassium Chlorate.

Above in large bottles.

Antipyrine
Ipecacuanha Powder
Tannin
Zinc Sulphate
Ammonium Carbonate
Calomel gr. 1.

Above in small bottles.

Quinine Bisulphate . gr 5. in extra large bottle
Chlorodyne in special bottle.
Iodoform " " " .
Menthol Cones " " " .

Also Ellman's Embrocation.

Dec 18th.

In camp. Lake Lergoi.

Off at 7.30 & marched back to Lake Lergoi. Just before we got there, we saw two lions right in the open plain — it was an almost impossible stalk & after an awfully long & painful crawl over burnt grass, something disturbed them & they moved off. We went after them, but they spotted us & we had to open fire at about 350 yds — one was hit, but they both vanished & we did not see them again. In at 12 — very hot & tired & black with grime from the burnt grass. Hoey took my gun after tea & got 4 duck — I had an extensive wash which was very much needed.

Dec 19th.

In camp. Lake Lergoi.

Called late, do not off till after 6. Went N.E. but saw nothing but Rongoni — one of which Hoey got — & steinbuck — one of which I missed. Very hot & muggy & got back quite beat. Saw a different variety of pig to the ordinary wart hog — reddish with long snout & no tusks. Sent some skins, etc to Ravine. After tea went out S. but saw nothing worth shooting. Pony nearly round again.

Dec 20th.

In camp. Semi-cute camp.

Off at 7.30, leaving three men with the donkies, etc, & marched over an undulating country N.E. to the edge of the forest. Came upon quite a fresh trail but could see no lion about. About 20 Kidorobo came in & after tea we went out to get them some meat — Eventually got two Rongoni after a tremendous expenditure of cartridges & Hoey one. Can't make out what has happened to my rifle — do far I have shot very well with it, but lately I have shot over everything. Eventually I hit an oribi point-blank at 284 yds, so something must have gone wrong with the sighting. Kidorobo say there are plenty of buffalo about & have sent in two of their best men.

Probably the first shot has the effect of partially paralyzing their sense of feeling.

Dec 21st.

In camp. Semiuti camp.

A bitterly cold morning — by 7.30 intensely hot. Went N. & made a big circ but saw nothing except a great many gebra, kongoni & oribi. A lot of Elgeyu Ndorobo came in & asked us to get them meat, so went out N.E. after tea & after the usual expenditure of cartridges, got three kongoni. One - a wounded one - finished off at over 400 yds. For some reason, they are very wild here & it is difficult to get within 200 yds of them, as the grass is very short. Buffalo preparations don't seem getting much "forarder" & we are wasting time here - reason given that the best Ndorobo hunter is away.

Dec 22nd.

In camp. Semiuti Camp.

Rode to the edge of the forest & then went N.N.E. through some very pretty country - very undulating & studded with clumps of trees. Saw some quite fresh buffalo spoor. But the Elgeyu with us were but little use at tracking & so we decided to wait till the "red man" comes. Got an oribi. We are camped at the place where 300 poached, who followed Roby for some days last year & were apparently waiting an opportunity to have a go at him, left him. They sent back his presents & were quite insulting - he was by himself & only had 40 cartridges left, so matters might have been very awkward. After tea some pukka Ndorobo came in with two real good trackers, so we went out 3. for the usual kongoni hunt. Missed a reedbuck about 100 yds off - as usual shot over it - & then got a kongoni with one shot at over 300 yds. Hit another, which waited for it, & then had the usual chase. We could never get within 300 yds of it # but after innumerable long shots, we got it. It had seven bullets in its carcase, but after three bullets are hit once, the remaining shots only seem to leave them up. Why this is so, I don't know, but it is the same with all the animals in this country. After the first shock nothing seems to have any immediate effect & only seems to make them go on. No doubt we hardly ever get a shot under 200 yds & mostly over 300 yds. On a flat plain & with short grass, one can't get nearer. With a .350 there is not much cruelty in long shots.

Dec 23rd

In camp. Forest-camp.

Off at 7,30 & camped at 9,30 at the edge of the forest. Went out with the "Red Indian" & two more Kdorobo due E. after buffalo & made a long round in the forest, but could only find tracks two days old, so came back to camp. Saw two disused game pits — it would be unsafe to go into the forest without a man who knows where the ones in use were. They are about 10 ft deep & narrow at the bottom, which is generally studded with sharp stakes. Shot a waterbuck coming back. Men back who had taken the tusks to Ravine. Letter from Lindsay — no mail — saying he was going with a man called Watson into this platteau from Kijegori. Went out after tea N. & found a tame Chanler's reedbuck, which allowed me — at intervals — to have 6 shots at him. Got him in the neck when galloping with the 6mm!!! Found a reedbuck — over him as usual — but all the same it is interesting to shoot with a rifle, standing up & with no rest, at a small beast about 200 yds off, & that is what most of ones shots are here.

Dec 24th.

In camp. Forest-camp.

Off before 6 & went to the edge of the forest after buffalo. Picked up the fresh spoor of one about 8 o'clock in the open, but it at once went into the forest & we followed it for two hours when we came into the open about two miles S. of where we went in & lost it almost at once. Devilish work — we were not back till 1 — carrying a .450 rifle & going sometimes through awfully thick bush, bending under very low branches of trees & occasionally banging ones helmet right over ones eyes, getting tangled up in creepers & all the time desperately hot & going as quietly as one could. Kdorobo tracked well but did not seem very keen at first — think they want to keep us here to kill Kongoni, etc for them as long as they can. Got a Kongoni for our men coming back. Went out down the swamp after tea for a Waterbuck but only saw Kongoni & reedbuck. General idea seems to be that we shan't get buffalo here, as the forest is too thick.

Dec 26th

In camp. Forest camp.

Off about 6 & went due S. along the edge of the forest & struck fresh buffalo spoor in the open a little before 8. We tracked it into the forest for about an hour & got into some awfully thick bush, when suddenly there was a tremendous crash & apparently about 30 buffaloes stampeded all round us, but we never got a sight of one. Nothing to do except go back to camp, en route to which I missed a reedbuck, so not a very merry Xmas day. The bush here altogether too thick to get a chance at buffalo, though there seem plenty about. A lot more Kalobo came in, including their chief - Jemucuto - & the "Red man". Went out S.W. after tea to get some meat for them - got one kongoni & hit two more, but though I pursued them till dark & fired innumerable cartridges at impossible ranges, I did'nt get them - not a very merry Xmas for them. Settled to move camp when we get more porters from Dergoi.

Dec 26th

In camp. Forest camp.

Off late & went S.W. to get kongoni. It was blowing a gale of wind & I first missed a kongoni - standing up - & then Hoey missed another - sitting down. The wind got worse & we eventually found some more kongoni & got within 200 yds of them. Hoey used up all his 303 cartridges at them & then I had a go with my Mauser. The wind was too strong for them to hear the shots & we made the most erratic practice I ever saw - all round, over & below them - eventually I hit one & they moved off. Took two more shots to finish him. The wind must have caused our bad shooting, as we have never shot so badly before. The Kalobo were much amused & sarcastic too. After tea tried my .350 at a target & found it shot high at 100 yds with me, but not with Hoey. The latter cut my hair & I took most of my beard off.

The Karimoja were here 6 days ago raiding the Kdorobo, but did'nt find them.

The Kdorobo have iron-tipped arrows for game – these they can recover – but for men use plain wooden arrows – sharpened at the end & half-cut through, so as to break off in the body. Both sorts are dipped in poison & kill in a few minutes. There is an antidote.

The Karimoja have only spears & shields, so are no match for the Kdorobo in the bush, but they rushed the latters' huts a month or so ago & killed 14 – the Kdorobo got 30 of them afterwards.

The Kdorobos have all sorts of medicine, which they seem to get from the bark of trees & roots.

They dug up the root of a fern & said it was very useful for what I use Jarcara Jagrada, but I did'nt try it.

Dec 27th.

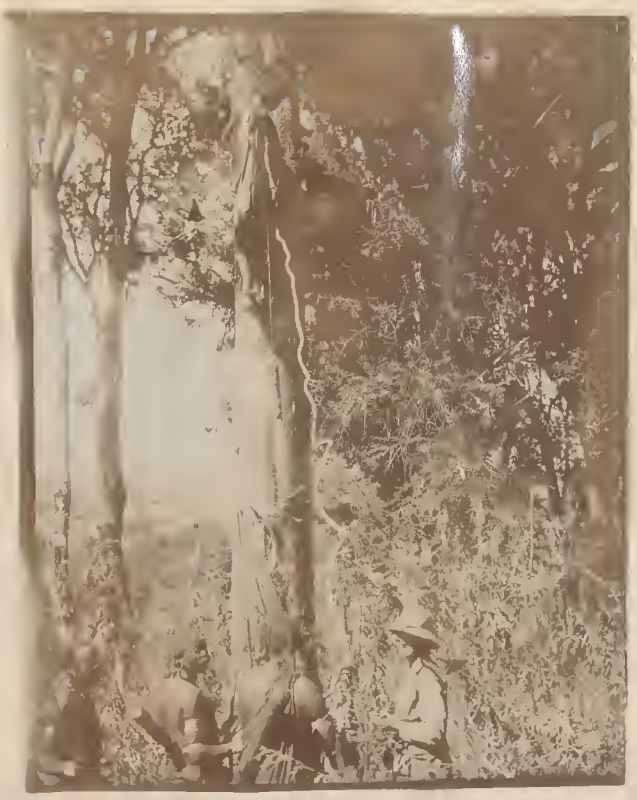
On camp. Ngoia Valley.

Off at 7,30 & marched N. down into the Ngoia Valley & parallel to the river over a wooded & undulating country to a swamp, which we reached at 2. A very hot tiring march. Hit a hongoni en route with the .350 but it did not seem to inconvenience him & he went clean away. Went out E. after tea & Hoey got a hongoni & an oribi & I got two hongoni – one for the Ndorobo – Natured a lot of cartridges – shot high as usual. I think the glare of the sun & the heat make one very unsteady after about 6 weeks on safari & affects ones eyes – one wants a rest.

Dec 28th.

On camp. Tharangang camp.

Off at 7,15 & marched N.E. up a valley & gradually ascending, over the watershed & camped on the N. side of it at 12. Very fine view from camp looking over the plateau with Mount Elgon on the W. & Lergoi on the S. Some Ndorobo soon came in – they have a most unpleasant habit, before shaking hands, of spitting profusely on them, & to be polite, one must do the same on ones own. They said the Karimoja had come right up to their village & they were very frightened of being killed – they killed 30 Karimoja and long ago, so expect reprisals. Hoey is the only White man they have seen before. They addressed me as "Father" – on account of my grey hairs, I suppose. "Jebel" came with us. Grass awfully long here but we burnt a good deal of it – the Ndorobo have been afraid to do so, as it hides them from the Karimojas – in places it is over ones head. They say there are lots of buffalo about. After tea went to look at their huts & shambas – very carefully hidden in a deep valley. Saw some shoot at a mark with bows & arrows – like us when they get the range they can shoot all right – at a mark about 60 yds off. Got a good hippo kick for a piece of meat – Whilst their crops are growing, they seem very hard up for food. Tharangang is chief of this tribe of Ndorobos.



Dec 29th.

Dn camp. Tharangan's camp.

Ready to start at 5,45, but the Kdorobo did not turn up till 6,15. Went S. & after a lot of very hard walking in grass about 10ft high up & down small valleys, struck some fresh spoor. Followed it for a long time & eventually tracked the buffaloes into a hollow. When some birds got up & the Kdorobo at once declared they were there. We approached very cautiously & suddenly about 50 buffaloes got up. But were very hard to distinguish in the long grass. One looked to have a very good head, so I loosed off but it vanished. An unmistakable bull then appeared last of all & I had three shots at it & Hoey two, but it went on too. We followed & found the first one standing very sick & soon finished it, but to our disgust it turned out to be a cow, though with a very good head — 43 ins. The Kdorobo then climbed a tree & said he could see the bull very sick about 50 yds away. Hoey tried to climb the tree, but could'nt & eventually we approached it through grass quite 10ft high & almost impassable. However the bull moved off & after following it for some time, we gave it up as too risky — one could'nt see a foot in front of one & had'nt a chance if it had charged & if it had'nt, one could'nt see to shoot it. A long walk back to camp & did'nt get in till 3,15.

A honey bird appeared & took us to a hive of bees in a tree above. An Kdorobo, quite naked, & with only a torch in his hand, climbed up & took the honey & although thousands of bees flew all round him, he showed no apparent marks of stings when he came down. The honey bird seems to know it has no chance of getting any honey or young bees unless men disturb the nest first & this one made a tremendous twittering till a man went up the tree. It then sat quite quiet on the next tree.

The Kdorobo say it will sometimes take you to a lion & a rhino & not invariably to honey. Lots of rhino tracks about today. Quite made walking through the long grass quite exciting enough without wounded buffalo. These men are juteka Kdorobos & very fine trackers indeed — by far the best I have come across. They are very plucky too & several have killed lions with arrows & elephants with spears — both poisoned. But the poison does not affect the meat.

The tree in which the nest was, was very thick & had no branches for a long way up. The Indoolo cut some creepers & tied them round the tree as he went up & so hoisted himself up.

Dec 30th.

In camp. Tharangan's camp.

Off at 6,15 & went S. meeting some Ndorobo about 3 miles away. They were all boys - the older men being busy cutting up the buffalo. Went W. but failed to pick up any fresh spoor — no doubt the Ndorobo, having plenty of meat, are very slack about hunting & all our men are tired after yesterday. Got back to camp about 11,30. Watched a Ndorobo take a bees' nest but he was only stung three times & the stings did not seem to hurt him a bit. Heavy shower of rain in the afternoon. Had a "shauri" with the Ndorobo after tea — Tharangan & two old men — & they promised to look for the carcase of the bull I wounded & bring it to Nergoi. They seem to think the buffalo have shifted from this neighbourhood & it will take some time to find out where they have gone, so we settled to move tomorrow. Too long grass here too.

Dec 31st.

In camp. Ngosa river.

Off at 7,15 & crossed the watershed & marched S. down the valley past our camp of the 27th to the Ngosa river, where we camped at 12. Heard a shot not very far off, but could see no one, though some grass was fired on the top of the hill over the river. About 2 o'clock there was a shout & I went out to find that some d-d porters had set fire to the grass up wind of the camp. The grass was very dry & in a few seconds it was a big blaze & came right on to the tents. We had no water to speak of — the river was about 300 yds away — & we just had time to get Hoey's & my tents down — luckily the grass had been cut round them — & our things to windward of the fire. However the dining tent was burnt & the headman & orderly lost their tents, blankets & posho. Gave the 3 men who set fire to the grass 25 each of the best. The men from Ravine arrived with no mail for me, but with a present of oranges & mangoes from Hadji, who keeps the store at Ravine — most excellent. After tea went out E. & got a hongoni — in five shots — & a brace of partridges. Hoey got two oribi, which swarm here.

Game seen on the Gwasingishu Plateau. 1907.

×	Elephant	3 killed.
	Lion	2 " .
×	Buffalo	1 " .
	Zebra	2 " .
	Kongoni (Jackson's)	34 " .
	" (Neumann's)	—
	Waterbuck	3 " .
	Reedbuck	3 " .
	Oribi	4 " .
×	Giraffe	1 " .
	Serval cat	1 " .
	Rhino	2 " .
	Steinbuck	1 " .
	Wart hog	2 " .
×	Chanler's Reedbuck	1 " .
	Eland	— not shot at — no good ones.
	Topi	— " " " .
	Leopard	— " " " — no chance.
	Bushbuck	— one hit, but not got.
×	Hunting Dog	1 killed.
	Snakes	2 " .
	Greater Bustard	1 " .
	Crested Crane	1 " .
	Partridges	2 " .

× new species to me.

1908.

Jan 1st

In camp. Lake Nergoi.

Off at 7,15 & marched out of the valley up on to the plateau & due S. to Lake Nergoi, which we reached at 12. Missed a pig & hit a zebra, which I did not get & saw two lionesses, which we chased for some distance, but never got near them. A tremendous lot of zebra near the lake. Heard one of Farr's party had gone back to Nairobi, having broken his .450 & that they had struck a herd of 250 elephant but had not got any, in fact a leopard was the only animal they had killed. Went out E. after tea & got a reedbuck & a Kongoni & missed a long shot at a waterbuck. Row between my 2nd gunbearer & one of the porters over cutting up the meat of the Kongoni & the former — he said accidentally — gave the latter an awful gash over the nose with a knife. Plastered it up & fined the gunbearer Rs.5. — at which he seemed very sick.

Jan 2nd.

In camp Beda's camp.

At 2.a.m. a rhino appeared close to camp & they got up & had a shot at it with a Snider, which caused it to depart — at 4,30.a.m. a lion came up within 30 yds of the porters' tents & made a hideous row, so they again had to get up & shoot, as the horses nearly stampeded & had to be moved right up to our tents. Not off till 7,30, as the cooks' boys had got our drinking water from a dirty pool instead of the spring, as ordered, & so got ~~bilo~~ ho'd. Marched due S. across the plateau & camped at 1. Two Dutch brothers live here — about 4 miles apart — without any servants or stock of any kind. They have 10,000 acres of land each & do absolutely nothing except eat native food & sleep. They called on me, but he was very rude & said he did not want to see any d-d sajaris here. Some of Farr's men here with rice, etc — he is in the Naivasha country & the men say though he has seen lots of elephants, he won't shoot. Wrote letters after tea.

Jan 3rd.

In camp. Inbogo camp.

Blew a gale all night. Off at 7,30 & marched over the plateau into forest & then over bare undulating country & camped at 1. Very cold indeed. Mail arrived from England but only letters posted in December – first month's mail must have gone wrong somehow. Went out N.E. after tea & hit a bushbuck, but though it left a tremendous blood trail, it got into some absolutely impenetrable bush & we had to leave it. Hoey & Leach got a hongoni – between them, hit 10 times.

Jan 4th.

In camp. Red Earth camp.

Off at 7,15 & marched over the same bare undulating country, with odd patches of forest, till we got to the Nero or Ndo river, where we camped at 12,30. Saw a good many hongoni & the recent tracks of a rhino. Nothing to shoot here – I fancy it is too high & exposed for most animals – so did not go out after tea. Very cold indeed & a strong E. wind always blowing.

Jan 5th.

In camp. Forest camp.

A bitterly cold night & morning – Off soon after 7. & marched over the highest point between Ravine & Lake Dergoi & then gradually descended – country bare & undulating. Passed Boridi camp & entered the forest at 12 & camped in it at 1. One of the donkies sick & had to be left at the edge of the forest. Saw only one hongoni & traces of roan.

A great pity there is not more game between Ravine & the Plateau – & Dergoi – practically there is nothing except a few very wild hongoni & no doubt bushbuck & reedbuck. It makes it very dull marching day after day & never letting off one's gun. Hoey saw a herd of buffalo some months ago at Inbogo camp, but there were no traces of them when we were there – they shift about a lot & we found tracks of Ndorobo there.

Jan 6th.

In camp. Ravine.

Off at 7.30 & marched through the forest to Ravine, which the safari reached about 1. Found mail here from Uganda. Dined with the Commissioner – Mr & Mrs Stedman & Dolby there. A very late night & not to bed till after 12. Heard Mr Gray had got four elephant at Likejua – one was confiscated.

Jan 7th

Mr in camp. Ravine.

Up very late feeling very ill. Went to the boma & got the ivory weighed, etc. The weights are now said to be –

128½ – 124½ lbs (actually they weighed 131–124 lbs.)

56½ – 56 lbs. Total = 454 lbs. = 75⅔ lbs. average of 6 tusks.

43 – 42½ lbs.

Mr & Mrs Stedman & Dolby came down to camp to see our trophies.

Packed up trophies in the afternoon to send to the Colonial Stores at Mombasa.

Jan 8th

Mr in camp. Ravine.

The cow buffalo head was confiscated by Jeune-Read yesterday, but he thinks Mr shall get it back – he has written to Baggs, who is at Baringo, about it.

The two men we left at Gorgoi to bring on the buffalo head, if the Kdorobo found it, came back from the Plateau, without seeing anyone. They say the lions tried to break through the boma they made & the askari fired off all the cartridges he had. Paid Hadji the bill for rice, etc. De Silva says my big tusks are worth Rs. 12. per lb, which makes them worth about £100. each.

Stigand camped here last night, but we did not see him.

Mr & Mrs Fotheringham & Jeune-Read dined with us, but left early. Fotheringham says one ought to make money farming in this country & is very optimistic about it, but his wife says he loses money every year.

Sent to the Colonial Stores to be sent to Rowland Ward from London on Jan

4 elephants' feet – two with tin labels for Sewell.
2 elephants' tails.
2 elephants' ears.
1 waterbuck headskin & skull.
2 kongoni headskins & skulls.
1 serval cat headskin & skull.
1 oribi headskin & skull.
1 giraffe headskin & skull.
2 giraffe leg bones.
1 giraffe tail.
1 Chanler's reedbuck headskin & skull.
2 lion skins & skulls.
4 rhino horns.
2 strips rhino skin.
1 warthog skull.
1 crested crane.

In 10 packages.

Jan 9th.

In camp. Londiani.

Off at 7. by our time - sun time — & got in to Londiani at 3. after a hot tiring march. Hoey went off to see the forest officer about buffalo — one has been put on the license, so as I took out a special permit in Nov. I am going to have a try here for another. The forest-officer — by name Feetham — turned up about 6 & stayed till 8. He has been in the navy & served in some irregular corps in S. A. during the war, then came out here as a railway guard & now is a Forest Officer at £10. per month!!!

Jan 10th.

In camp. Londiani

Off soon after sunrise & went to the rangers house, where we got an askari. He showed us the way to where the buffalo were said to be. We went about two hours S.E. & then recrossed the line & went into some of the thickest jungle I have ever seen. One could hardly ever stand upright & frequently had to go on all fours & was continually getting hung up in briars & creepers & banging ones helmet over ones eyes against branches. After being in it about two hours & finding no fresh spoor, we struck it & walked 8 miles back to camp along the railway. No doubt there are buffalo about, but it might take one a week to find them & one could never get a sight of them if they were in the jungle — one could not see five yards before one as a rule. After tea went a long round by the wood over the railway but saw absolutely nothing — a great change from last year when we had much, while & Rongoni were very plentiful. But they say several people have been shooting here since then from permanent-camps. From what I have seen, it is no use going after buffalo in fairly open country until the grass is burnt, i.e. until the end of January. In bush & forest the rainy season is best, as the buffalo are more inclined to be outside in the open — at other times the only chance is to get them feeding outside just at daybreak & to do that one must have accurate local information. This year 9 elephant, but & buffalo, I was assured the latter was the greatest certainty — two days I was the outside — yet from Dec 20th to Jan 11th, we got one cow!!!

Elephants' tusks are marked—

R.V.R.	R.V.N.	R.V.N.	R.V.N.	R.V.N.	R.V.N.
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.

Weight of big elephant's tusks at Londiani station.
131 – 124 lbs.

Others = 57 – 56 – 43 – 42½ lbs.

Jan 11th

In camp. Londiani.

Off Latish & went N. but saw very little game – probably owing to the grass having only just been burnt – missed a long shot at a reedbuck & an easy shot at a moderate waterbuck – standing up. Several grass fires all round, so burnt a ring round camp – rather a ticklish job in a strong gusty wind & twice it nearly took charge. Lucky we did so, as a fire came down on us immediately we had finished the ring. The Steadmans & Dolby came in about 12 from Rabai. Packed up after tea.

Jan 12th.

In train.

Busy packing up chop boxes, etc, as they have to go by a luggage train at 10, as there is no room in the passenger train at 4,30 p.m. Dolby came to lunch. Took on my boy Gedi notice, as they were accused of stealing flour, jam & sugar. Took two hours booking luggage, etc & left at 4, 30. Very few carriages on the train & – after dining at Nakuru, where I [redacted] was idiot enough to share a bottle of port with Dolby – I was disturbed all through the night, by people trying to get into my carriage.

Jan 13th

Nairobi. Norfolk Hotel

Got to Nairobi at 8, 30 & found the Downes & Fletcher in the train – they had got in at Kisumu at 3, 30. Went to the Norfolk Hotel & to my surprise, Lindsay turned up at lunch. He had been on the Plateau from Kandi but things seemed to have gone wrong & he did no good. Downes got four elephant near Kisumu; Fletcher a lion & both of them a buffalo. I got a Somali boy from Eastland & Darlton's today – Ide turned up too late.
Lindsay had only got bushbuck, hog & reedbuck – his pal – Watson – had had a go of fever. They left for Kisumu Indian to get buffalo & then are going S – try for lion, kudu & sable & after that intend to go down towards the Tana.

Game killed in British East Africa.

1906 & 07 & 07 & 08.

	MY BIGGEST MEASUREMENT.	RECORD MEASUREMENT.
Elephant — 3 —	131 – 124 lbs	293 lbs — world Africa
Lion — 3 —	no measurements	10 ft-5 ins " "
Buffalo — 1 —	43½ ins (record cow).	53 ins " "
Boar — 1 —	25 ins	31 ins " B.E.A
Eland — 1 —	26 ins	31 ins
Giraffe — 1 —	no measurement	
Thompson's Gazelle	14 ins	16 ins " B.E.A.
Grant's "	22½ ins	30 ins " "
" Roberts	24½ ins	24 ins " "
Impala	29 ins	31 ins " "
Hartebeest — Jackson's	22½ ins	25 ins " "
" — Jokes	20 ins	20 ins " "
" — Neumanns	20 ins	22 ins " "
Topi	17 ins	22 ins " Africa
Wildebeest	18 ins	29 ins " "
Oribi	5½ ins	6 ins " "
Steinbuck	5 ins	6 ins " "
Klipspringer	4 ins	5 ins " "
Waterbuck — Ellipsiprymnus	27 ins	31 ins " B.E.A
Reedbuck	10 ins	17 ins (Africa)
" Chanleis	5 ins	6 ins " B.E.A.
Rhino	21 ins	53½ ins " Africa.
Wart Hog		17 ins " "
Cheetah	no measurements	7 ft-9 ins " "
Serval Cat	" "	
Hippopotamus — 1 —		64 ins " Africa.
Hunting Dog	no measurement	
Oryx Beisa	28 ins	39 ins.
Zebra	no measurement	
Waterbuck — defassa	27 ins	34 ins.

Jan 14th

Nairobi. Norfolk Hotel.

Went to see the Game Ranger – Lt. Patterson – & told him about my cow buffalo head. He was very nice about it & wrote to Jackson, who replied that I might keep it. After lunch called on Jackson & went to the Club, where there is a fine collection of heads.

Jan 15th.

Nairobi. Norfolk Hotel.

Tusks arrived from Londiani, but as it is a general holiday – the native X mas day – nothing can be done. Saw Goldsmith, Percival & de Trafford. The Kisii have risen & speared Smithwaite – the Commissioner. The K.A.R. & a lot of askaris are going down. Eustace & Mrs Walker dined with us. A good buffalo head – 47 ins – came in from Ruda Huria today.

Jan 16th.

Nairobi. Norfolk Hotel.

Very busy all the morning at the Store & station – got the tusks, but they cannot be packed here, but must be sent down to Mombasa. Photographs of elephants, etc, have turned out very good.

Jan 17th.

Nairobi. Norfolk Hotel.

Went to Bank & after drawing all the money I wanted, found I had Rs. 5584. to my credit. Wilson lunched with me & Hoey & his brother dined. Furious row later between Hoey & the editor of the "Globetrotter", because my elephants have been put down to Hoey in that paper. H. has joined with Riddell – R.I.P. & is no use at all. de Trafford killed his boy with a hog spear – accidentally & in a fit of temper no doubt – but he has been sent up for trial. Kisii news bad & it looks like being a big show.

Jan 18th.

In train.

Busy settling up things — was accosted by two Wakamba boys, whom I had not employed — of bilking them, but a European police sergeant soon settled them. Left Nairobi at 12,20 — Ramaya & Fletcher saw me off — & spent the night in the train. It got awfully hot after Makindu & I was bitten badly by some animal. Fischer & his wife in the train.

Jan 19th.

Dak Bungalow. Voi.

Got out of train at 2,40 a.m. & went to the dak bungalow. Awfully hot in the morning — almost as bad as Mombasa — went to buy posho at the bazaar — rice is Rs. 6-8 a load, but very good quality. Tried to get information about lesser kudu, but the natives seemed to know nothing so went to see Hobley — the German who runs the fibre works here. He said there was no water down the way & our only chance was to go down to the next station — Tsavo. He showed us over the fibre works — it looks like a green rush & is ground & shredded by rollers & then washed & dried, packed in bales of 600 lbs — worth now about £7. each, — & exported.

Jan 20th.

In camp. Tsavo.

As there was no water any where near Voi, we left by luggage train at 11,15 & got to Tsavo at 12,30. Unloaded & went down by the banks of the river, which is said to be full of crocodiles, but could find no decent camping ground, so returned to the station & camped there. An awful country — nothing but rocks, sand & thorn bushes & the heat almost unendurable — by far the worst I have encountered in this country. Went out after tea, but found it an impossible country to get through, owing to the thick bush, so went down the railway, but saw nothing.

Jan 21st.

In camp. Taro.

A terribly hot night, almost unendurable, so off as soon as it was light down the bank of the Taro river, which is a rapid, deep, narrow stream. Went down it for about two hours, but the bush was very thick & we saw nothing, except some tracks, which we took to be lesser kudu & some traces of rhino. Poured water on the tents & all round them which made them just inhabitable, but the heat is far worse than I expected. Went down the railway after tea but saw nothing except some sort of dik-dik, which I missed in the bush. A hot wind sprang up at sunset & nearly blew the tents down.

Jan 22nd

In train.

A hot muggy night & the mosquitoes a great nuisance. Walked up the line at day break & got a long shot at a dik-dik, but just missed him. A dull morning but one was wet through before one walked 100 yds. & this climate absolutely prevents one doing anything except drink vast quantities of tea & lime juice. Even the porters sit in the shade under the water tank at the station. Left at 9 p.m. Very hot in train at first.

Jan 23rd

In camp. Makindu.

Got to Makindu at 2, 30 a.m. & found it quite cool after Taro. Slept in the dak bungalow & got off about 10 — marched down the line for about two miles till we came to the river & turned down its left bank & camped in some fairly open scrub. Muggy but quite nice after Taro. The doctor told us there was just a chance of kudu, but much the best place was 45 miles down the line. Went out after tea down the left bank of the Makindu river through rather nice open country. Past the deserted Government farm, with all the buildings left to rot. Only saw a few waterbuck, at which I did not shoot. Went on too long & had to walk back in the dark through scrub & thorns with fresh traces of rhino about. Did not get in till nearly 8.

Jan 24th.

In camp. Makindu.

Called late & not off till after sunrise. Went down the left bank of the river – a swift narrow stream with lots of fish in it – but only got a glimpse of a waterbuck. Ticks are an awful nuisance here & bother one awfully, as well as ants & all sorts of crawling & creeping animals. Very slack climate & it is a labour to walk even a short distance. Cotton seems to grow well on the old Government farm, also sesial, which looks like a big pineapple tree, & bananas. Went out the same round after tea but only saw a small buck when it was too dark to shoot. Lisser Kudu seem a ~~scarce~~ more & a delusion.

Jan 25th.

In camp. Makindu.

Off as soon as it was light enough to see, crossed the river & made due E, then turned W. & went a long way down the river & back by the Government farm. Only saw four waterbuck – none of which were worth shooting – & thought we heard a python in a reed bed, but could not eject him. Took 10 grains of quinine last night & woke up quite deaf. There are a lot of quail about here, also pigeons & partridges & one might have a very good time with a shot gun, but of big game there seems absolutely nothing. Curious because the Makindu river is the only water between Simba & Tsavo & everything must drink at one or the other. The Makindu river joins the Athi river. The grass is long but not so long as to prevent one seeing game. Went out W. after tea & saw some Kongoni – Topi – & a herd of Zebra – got one of the latter for the men. Saw nothing else though we could see over a large tract of country, which, to the W. is fairly open.

Jan 26th.

In camp. Makindu.

Off as soon as the sun rose N.W. & went till we hit the railway, then turned N. & made a big circ back to camp — heat quite unendurable by 9 o'clock. Saw some Rongoni — Tokés — & a herd of impala — a fairish buck with the latter, but they got our wind & offed it before I could get a shot. Came back covered with ticks of all shapes & sizes — they are an awful pest here. More bird life here by a long way than in any other place I have been to in B.E.A — more insect life too. Went out after tea down the river but saw nothing.

Jan 27th.

Dak Bungalow. Makindu.

Up late & busy all the morning settling up with Hoey, packing up cartridges & shop boxes, etc, etc. He takes my rifle — .450 — cartridges & small Zeiss glasses up to the Plateau for I may be use — they have taken him on for a trip on the Plateau & afterwards to the Lotik country & Uganda plains. I am very glad to get away from this climate — the trip after lesser kudu has been a dismal failure — the only animal shot being a zebra — two dik-dik missed — & the cost being over £90. As soon as one gets ones' safari on the railway, the exes mount up tremendously — this trip has lasted 10 days & the porters have not marched four miles altogether.
No doubt it is a great mistake to come to this country any time except in the rainy season — at this time one must stick to the Tsavo & Voi rivers, though the game, I am sure, have some other places where they can get water, for they must all congregate near the two rivers. Several people dined from the down train at Makindu — we got in about 3 — & told us the Kisii had had a good licking & that a lot of their cattle had been captured — they murdered about 15 men — Indians & porters — to start with. Forthwote is better.

Jan 28th

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Got into the train at 2,30 a.m. at Nakuru & reached Nairobi at 11,15. Met Fenwarth at the station. Busy settling up & arranging trip round the lake. Delightful to get into a cool climate again & once more feel alive.

Jan 29th.

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Went to Newland & Tarlton's store, bank, station, etc, etc. Paid off all the porters, askaris & headmen, but kept on my first gunbearer in case I go on safari when I get back from the trip round the Big Lake. Busy packing all the afternoon.

Jan 30th.

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Went down to the station with my baggage to catch the mid day train to Kisumu, but saw Pinkshank, who told me the boat would not start till Sunday & that the train on Saturday would catch it. Thought of going on to Naivasha, as Kisumu is an awful place to stay at, but finally settled to go back to the hotel & wait till Saturday. Hoey went on to join the Jerseys on the Guaso Nyiro Plateau & after that to go with them to the Sotik country — they do not go home till ~~7th~~ April 28th. Smiled & dined with the Fischers — nearly an hours drive in a rickshaw.

Jan 31st.

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Went to see Doctor Heard, as my right ear is getting bad again, but he does'nt think it any thing serious. Lindsay & Watson came in from the Jana — both got buffalo but nothing else much.

Feb 1st

On train.

Left Nairobi at 12, dined at Nakuru. A very full train including Farnworth, who was going to Entebbe.

Feb 2nd

S.S. "Element Hill". Rusinga Bay.

Got to Kisumu – country very much cultivated after passing Lumbwa – at 8.30 & steamed down alongside the boat, which is 750 tons & very comfortable though overcrowded this trip. Started about 12.30 & steamed up the bay of Kavirondo, with low hills on each side. The "Winifred" caught us up – she goes straight across to Entebbe. Very hard to realise that one is not at sea. Mostly Germans on board with a few Frenchmen & Italians – only Farrie, Milne & myself are English. ~~Arrived~~ Anchored in Rusinga Bay about 6.30. Fairly hot.

Feb 3rd.

S.S. "Element Hill". Kherati.

Off soon after 4 a.m. & anchored off Karungu about 8.30. Flat country with highish hills in the background. Milne went ashore – he is studying the sleeping sickness. Started again about 10. & steamed close to the shore – passing some enormous rocks sticking out of the water – till 1, when we anchored off Kherati – a German post. Went ashore with Farrie & the Captain – Townsend – but it is a very uninteresting place. Loaded cargo all the afternoon. The "Element Hill" only draws 7ft aft & is nearly flat bottomed. They say she rolls tremendously if there is any sea on at all & sometimes quite a big sea gets up. It is curious that in the afternoon the wind blows on to the shore at <u>very side</u> of the lake, so one wonders what it is like in the middle. No lights at all in the lake, so unless there is a moon, the steamers can only go by day.

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" waterbuck " " " " — " " "
" oryx " " " " — " " "
" kudu " " " " — " " "
" colobus monkey " " " — " " "
" maribout " " " " — " " "
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Eagles
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Feb 4th.

S.S. "Clement Hill". Iwuanga.

Off soon after 4 — sea rather rough & the boat rolling a bit. Saw what I took to be smoke from another steamer out in the middle of the lake, but it is said to be masses of flies which are rising from the water. If a steamer goes through one, all the ports have to be closed & everything shut down or they fill very rather. Were out quite in the open till about 12, when we passed through a narrow channel between two islands — there seem to be a great many of the latter dotted about the lake. A cloudy day & quite cold. Got to Iwuanga at 5. & tied up alongside the pier. This quite a pretty place, rather hilly & altogether reminds one very much of the south of Norway — Christiansand — as the lake is dotted about with rocky islands & very much resembles the fjords about there. As soon as the lights were turned on on deck, millions & millions of lake flies appeared — luckily they don't sting or bite, but they almost covered one's food & the latter was quite hidden from sight. Jessie & I went ashore & up a hill from where we had a beautiful view over the lake & islands to the S.

Feb 5th.

S.S. "Clement Hill." Iwuanga.

Busy loading & unloading all day. Went ashore in the morning & walked all round the place, which has extraordinary masses of rocks piled up in all directions & balanced on each other in a wonderful way. The soldiers seem to be drilling all day long & are taught the German way of marching, which looks very quaint. Great scarcity of native labour here & porters quite impossible to get even at Rs. 7. a month. The Germans blame the civil administration for this — it has just succeeded military government. Great excitement over a leopard which took 19 goats last night & was said to have been wounded & to have crept into a hole in the rocks.

Feb 6th

S.S. "Clement Hill". Off Bakoba.

Loading going on steadily all the morning. Got off at 1, 30 & directly we got outside the bay, a terrific thunderstorm came on with a deluge of rain & a tremendous wind — it only lasted an hour, but quite a sea got up though it did not last long. Anchored out of sight of land at 10, 30 — quite smooth.

Feb 7th

S.S. "Clement Hill". ~~Bakoba~~ Sesse Islands.

Off about 4.a.m. & anchored at Bakoba about 8. It reminds one very much of Scotland, as there are high rocky hills running down to the edge of the lake & the patches of burnt grass on them look very like heather. Jarvis & I went ashore & called on Captain von Stumer — the Commandant — a very nice man. He showed us round the place — they have a real fort here with quick firing guns — & everything is most beautifully kept. Von Stumer has a stone house & a very nice garden facing the lake, from which a breeze blows all day. Saw a young leopard & a kiffo, also some good buffalo heads but could not find out from where the latter came. Quite the nicest place I have seen in Africa & the natives universally civil — some even kneeling down when we passed & a great many asked us for work. No protection to harbour & as the place is quite open, it is generally very difficult to load or unload cargo, but Von Stumer says he will remit the hut tax for a year & make all the natives work on a pier instead. The trade here is chiefly in hides & skins, but the natives are planting great quantities of ground nuts just now. Country inland is only just opened now & not very safe. Off about 2, 30 & steamed till we came to the Sesse islands, which are quite depopulated by the sleeping sickness, & anchored at 8, 30. A lovely evening & quite cool.

Feb 8th

S.S. "Clement Hill". Entebbe.

Off at daybreak & anchored at 8.a.m. off Bakukarta – a low lying swampy place. Barnes, who has charge of a district 24 miles inland, came aboard, having brought down 340 loads of hides, ghee & cotton. He says there are plenty of elephant & buffalo inland & got one just lately with tusks of 80 lbs. Off about 11.30 & went alongside the pier at Entebbe at 4.30. Went ashore & walked up to the top of the hill, where the Governor's new house is being built – the streets are very well laid out & nicely kept & the trees & shrubs are very fine – & got a magnificent view over the lake. Very seedy – a mild go of dysentery, & think.

Feb 9th

S.S. "Clement Hill" Kavirondo Bay.

A terrific thunderstorm about 4.a.m. Off at daylight & proceeded past some big islands till we got into the open, where the ship rolled a lot & matters were rather uncomfortable. Could not touch any food today but a copious allowance of brandy, made me feel slightly better. Anchored at 8.30 – tremendous thunderstorm & deluge of rain at night.

Feb 10th

S.S. "Clement Hill". Port Florence.

Off at daylight & anchored at Port Florence about 8. Went round the dockyard & saw the new cargo boat which is not yet finished. A detachment of the K.A.R's came in from the Kisi expedition – they have captured about 8000 head of cattle & only had very few casualties. Went up to the Club & saw the Stedmans, Dolby & Charles Fraser – the latter just off elephant shooting in Uganda.

Feb 11th.

On train.

Left at 10 – a very full train – saw the Pears at Mukuroni – he had got a room there. Dined at Nakuru & stayed the night there.

Feb 12th.

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Got to Nairobi at 12 & went to the Norfolk Hotel. Dined with Eustace & Smith & at 10 went round with the former & Reilly & a small escort of police – all the low parts of the town. Whenever we saw a light, we made the people open the door & examined the persons inside. Nearly every house was a brothel & the women of every race – except Europeans – from Japs to Seychelle islanders – found a white man with one of the latter, but as a rule if a white man was in a house, we did not disturb him. Got back about 12 & found Fenton had broken every pane of glass in the bar-room & absolutely wrecked the place. Went in to an Indian theatre, but it was very dull.

Feb 13th.

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Went down to the store & after lunch called with Eustace on the Walkers & the two battalions of the K.A.R.'s.

Feb 14th.

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Paid the usual visit to Newland & Tarlton's, the bank & Dr Heard – felt much better today – he says I had ptomaine poisoning.

Called on the Governor in the afternoon, but he was out & afterwards went to see a hockey match & on to the club. Most awful.

Feb 15th.

Rift Valley Hotel. Naivasha.

Left Nairobi at 12 – awful scrimmage to book ones luggage – & got to Naivasha at 6. Found my tin trunk & box of ammunition had been left behind & could find no traces of it anywhere. Dey mour has added a new wing to the Hotel, which has improved it a lot.

Feb 16th.

Rift Valley Hotel. Naivasha.

No news of luggage. Dolly, Partington & I walked over to the Government Farm – Hill is away in South Africa, but Mrs Hill was there, also Mr & Mrs Watkins & Thaplen. Most of the stock was out, so not much to see. Drove back.

Feb 17th.

Rift Valley Hotel. Naivasha.

Luggage still lost, but the guard of a goods' train passing through told me he had seen it on the platform at Nairobi; so wired urgently to Quicksand to see it on. Heard later it had been found & sent on. Went out flighting after tea but saw very few duck though a fair lot of geese. Hagbl to have got one of the latter, but was not ready. Riddell & Cooper marched in from Nyeri.

Feb 18th.

Rift Valley Hotel. Naivasha.

Luggage turned up early this morning, but with no explanation as to the cause of the delay. Went for a walk round the N. end of the lake in the evening but only saw some geese & very few duck – got one of the former flighting & hit another which went into the reeds.

Feb 19th.

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Left Naivasha at 7 & got to Nairobi about 12. Heard from Lindsay, who got two lionesses at Simba & a lesser kudu & an oryx at Intoto kudei — he is going after sable near Mombasa. Slept most of the day.

Feb 20th.

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Busy packing up things to send home direct. Eustace & Smith lunched with me & afterwards I went to Newland & Tarlton's store & settled up as far as I could with them — sold them — or rather gave them — my ammunition, bath, etc, etc.

Feb 21st.

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Settled up with my gunbearer & also with Newland & Tarlton for my pony, for which I paid Rs. 600. in November, the best bid I can get is Rs. 326.!!! The usual excuse is made that everybody wants to sell things at this time of the year, & nobody wants to buy anything, but these agents are too keen to make money & are slowly but surely killing the goose that lays the golden eggs. My safari, etc, will cost over £500. After lunch went to the Roman Catholic Mission with the Foxes & Miss Penruddocks. It is quite a nice place & they grow a lot of coffee, for which, however, they get a very bad price. Met the Bishop of Zanzibar there — a very jovial man, who first made us drink Sauterne at 4 & Whiskey & sodas at 5. Dined with the Walkers — the rickshaw boys could not find the way to the K.A.R. lines & it took me nearly an hour to get there — & had a long talk about B.C.A. They are going in June to Jombe.

Feb 22nd.

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Settled up with Rowland & Darlton & the Bank – paid & have only Rs. 1400. left, but to this should go £23. for pony & the price the mule makes which I sent to Hoey. Tranworth & Flower came in, also Pineranda & two other Spaniards. Dined with Eustace & after dinner he & Sd Donald & two inspectors with about 15 askaris made a raid on the dandis. Unfortunately it began to rain in torrents as soon as we started, which made it a very unpleasant job & we were soon wet through. Found about 12 natives who could give no account of themselves & ran them in, but did not go far on account of the rain. We first surrounded the native quarters with askaris & then went into the houses & searched them. Found a flour mill on fire about 11, 30, which the owner said had been done by natives – we passed it at 10, 30 & there was no fire then.

Feb 23rd.

Norfolk Hotel. Nairobi.

Busy packing up all the morning & finally settling up. Heavy rain in the evening & most of the night.

Feb 24th.

In train.

Went down to the station very early, but found a carriage reserved for me all right. Twenty six White people in the train & about 8 reserved carriages. Tranworth & Flower going to Entebbe-Uganda after leaving Kendu, the Jerrais & most of the other people going on the German boats. on the 26th, as it is quite impossible to get a berth on board a ship going home via the Suez canal, so they have to go back by the Cape. A White man murdered by natives last night at a saw mill somewhere up the line.

Feb 25th.

Grand Hotel. Mombasa.

Got to Mombasa about 9,45 & went first to the Bank & asked them to cable home for me to draw another £100. The export duty on my ivory was Rs. 500. & I have to pay Rs. 1056. for a cabin to myself on the French boat, so look like being short. Hear Lindsay got a safe about 12 miles from here. Very hot but a nice breeze. The 5 men who murdered the Englishman whilst shooting at Kilindini, have been convicted & sentenced to death, but have appealed. Went down to the Club & drank "Nile Water." Awfully hot at night.

Feb 28th.

Grand Hotel. Mombasa.

Lindsay came in about 10 — he got a safe of 21 tusks. German boat in & crowds of people about. Went to Bank & arranged with Isakovitch to send my three rifles & three tin trunks home by sea. Bank has had no reply to cable.

Feb 27th.

Grand Hotel. Mombasa.

Went to the Club — three weeks mail in yesterday — & packed up, & cable from my bank up to this afternoon. Delamere landed from French boat today after being three months in England. Went down to the Club & afterwards arranged with Isakovitch to send my baggage to Kilindini tomorrow. Went with Smith to call on the Nicoles' & met Miss Seymour, who is going home tomorrow. Stifling tonight — no breeze at all & almost unbearable. Mosquitoes about too.

xxx Jakovitch kept my rifles & his & his head-dresses & sent home my trunks with everything of any value at all taken out of them.
He also stole Sunday's & Jory's rifles.

Feb 28th.

S.S. "Natal." Indian Ocean.

Got luggage off about 9 & went to the Bank & found the cable had just arrived, so drew £70. Strolled to Kilindini & passed everything through the customs without any trouble & went on board the "Natal" at 11,30. She is not very full as 20 people missed her at Tamatave. Sent home a tin headdress as not to be sent home by Isaakovitch. Off at 1 & began to roll as soon as we got outside. But delightfully cool on deck, though very hot below. Findlay, Riddell, Cooper & Farr on board & quite 25 English people besides.

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Feb 29th.

S.S. "Natal." Indian Ocean.

Run = 231.

Awfully hot night, but cool on deck. Ship rolled & pitched a good deal all day — must have been blowing hard somewhere.

March 1st.

S.S. "Natal" Indian Ocean

Run = 277.

Very cold all day & deadly dull. Crossed the line.

March 2nd.

S.S. "Natal". Indian Ocean.

Run = 291.

Awfully hot night, but much cooler in the afternoon. Had a long talk to Riddell about an expedition to Marsabit this autumn.

March 3rd.

S.S. "Natal". Indian Ocean.

Run = 298.

Quite smooth & thank goodness the big portholes in the cabins on the starboard side were opened – those on the port side have been since we left Mombasa.
Sighted land at daybreak – Italian Somaliland – with high yellow cliffs & got close in about 2,30. Passed Cape Guardafui about 7.

March 4th.

Run = 320. S.S. "Natal". Gulf of Aden.

Blowing hard from the S. & much cooler – ship steady but the big portholes were shut again at night & the heat was as bad as ever. Treated by doctor for "sore throat," but for a long time he thought I was suffering from a "sore foot" – he talks no English & my French is very rocky.

March 5th.

S.S. "Natal". Djibouti.

Run = 308.

Very hot all night. Got to Djibouti about 11 & were immediately boarded by swarms of Somalis selling all sorts of rubbish. Started to coal too, but the captain let me go on the bridge, which was quite cool & free from all dust. Riddell went ashore – he starts from here to go back to B.E.A. with Ward & an American.
Started at 6 & got into quite a big sea at once – my big port hole was opened & whilst we were at dinner, my cabin was flooded & both port holes had to be shut all night, so the cabin was just like a Turkish bath.
Passed Perim about midnight.

Suez Canal dues—

Per ton = 7½ francs.

Per passenger = 9 " .

This ship, which is described as 4200 tons, pays on 2400 tons.

March 6th.
S.S. "Natal." Red Sea.

Run = 232.
much smoother this morning & by lunch time it was quite calm, but the wind dropped — it was from the S. — & it became very hot. Passed Dalilah about 8.a.m.

March 7th.
S.S. "Natal." Red Sea.

Run = 302.
Very much cooler today & quite nice even down below. Had sports for the sailors after tea which were rather amusing. Quite cold after dinner, which is very unusual in this part of the Red Sea. Lindsay down with a touch of fever.

March 8th.
S.S. "Natal." Red Sea.

Run = 288.
Quite unpleasantly cold at night & most people are putting on thick clothes. Passed a big Messageries boat going S. — said to be the "Mozambique" for Reunion. Church at 8.30 conducted by the Bishop of Uganda. Lindsay still seedy.

March 9th.
Run = 293. S.S. "Natal." Gulf of Suez.

Quite a rough sea about 10.a.m. & the ship rolled & pitched a lot till about 1. When we got into the Gulf of Suez & it became quite calm. Saw a good many steamers, mostly going N. Quite warm again today but not unpleasantly so. Concert at night & a lottery for the benefit of the French lifeboat Association.

Ships passing each other in Suez Canal—

Those going against the stream, tie up & allow those going with the stream, to pass them.

March 10th.

S.S. "Natal." Port Said.

Run = 198.

Got to Suez about 1. a.m. & at 2 were roused up to be inspected by the medical officer from Suez. He kept us waiting half an hour & then only called out our names. Got into the canal about 5 & steamed steadily on till about 3, when we had to tie up for two hours. Got to Port Said about 8, 30 & went ashore & bought cigarettes, etc. & went to a Music Hall, which was'nt very exciting. Back about 12.

March 11th.

S.S. "Natal." Mediterranean.

Run = 102.

Left Port Said about 3. a.m. Smooth at first but soon she began to roll & pitch a goodish bit. Seemed very cold but the thermometer on deck was 60°. Quite a big sea got up about 7 & the ship rolled very badly. All port holes shut & very beastly down below.

March 12th.

S.S. "Natal." Mediterranean.

Run = 266.

Fairly smooth early but the wind got up about 8 & by 11, there was a big sea on & it was blowing nearly a gale. It suddenly dropped, however, & was much smoother in the afternoon — very few people down to dejeuner & most keep to their cabins, except the confounded children, who never seem ill. Had to have our dirty clothes disinfected, but one shirt was held to be quite sufficient for 14 days!!!

March 13th.

S.S. "Natal" Mediterranean.

Run = 292.

Sea much smoother & by midday nearly quite calm. Quite cold & every body in top coats & thick clothes.

March 14th.

S.S. "Natal." Mediterranean.

Run = 282.

Sighted land at daybreak & got through the Straits of Messina about 12. Etna clouded over – snow on all the mountains & bitterly cold – but Reggio looked very pretty. Passed the "Congo" going S. about 10 & a big steamer – presumably one of the new turbine 12,000 ton ships running from Marseilles to Alexandria – passed us away on the starboard about 1. Much too cold to stay on deck. Began to get rough again about 12, & after we passed Stromboli about 2, quite a heavy sea got up & the ship pitched badly.

March 15th.

S.S. "Natal." Mediterranean.

Run = 285.

Sea went down in the night & this morning it was quite calm & bright though very cold. Got much warmer in the afternoon & one could sit on deck quite comfortably. Passed some islands about 3 & Elba about 6 & got a distant view of Corsica about the same time.

Turned very cold at night again & looks as if it will be very chilly in England. For some reason we are going N. of Corsica & not between that island & Sardinia.

March 15th.

In train.

Got into Marseilles about 1 & after a long delay were allowed to land. Got everything through the customs without any trouble & after dining at the Hermanis hotel, left Marseilles at 8 – Sunday, fair & 3 in a salon-lit.

March 17th.

Hungs Cross Hotel. London

Got to Paris at 8,30 – snowing quite hard & bitterly cold – & drove across to the Gare du Nord & had breakfast. Left at 10 & got to Calais soon after 1. Had a smooth crossing in the "Pas de Calais" & got to Charing Cross at 5, only to find our luggage had been left. Went to the Great Northern Hotel & sent a messenger boy for it & he brought it about 9 – it had come on by the 4 o'clock boat.

March 17th.

Harmston.

Left Hungs Cross at 10, 35 & reached Harmston at 1,30 – rain & snow storms all the way.

A.B.C.D.

African Game 2 to 7
Aden 6

B.E.A. 16.
Buffalo 24-25-27.—6.
Bees 27.
Bukoba 42.

Chrysobdis 3.
Chop Boxes 21.
"Clement Hill" 40 to 43.
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